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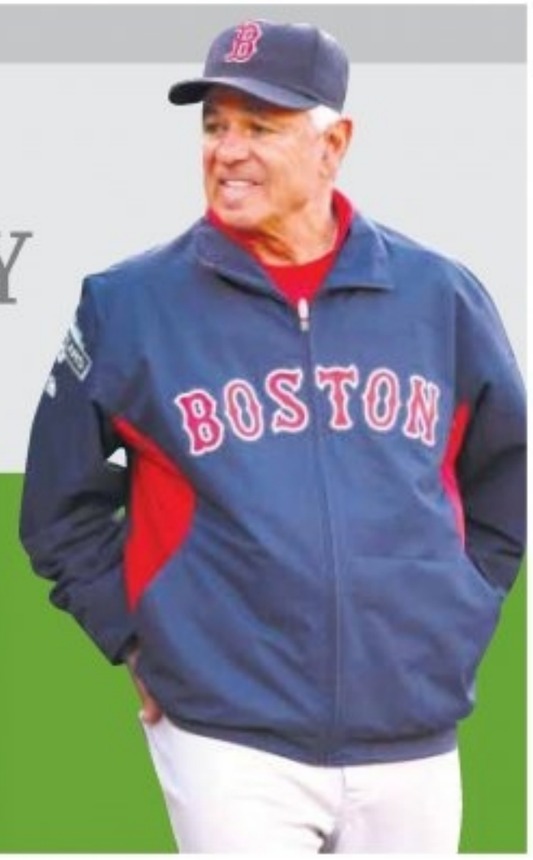

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Bus driver to be honored for aiding wandering tot

Transit and law officials will tip their hats to an MBTA employee who helped remove a toddler from a precarious situation and return her to her family.

T officials announced this week that around 6 a.m. on Aug. 5, a driver from East Boston was driving an MBTA bus in Medford when she noticed a 2-year-old girl walking alone near a busy intersection.

According to transit police, Donna D'Amelio, a driver for 16 years, pulled over, called Medford police, and watched the child until officers arrived.

The toddler was taken to the hospital for evaluation while Medford police searched the neighborhood for her parents. About an hour later, police found a door was open in a nearby housing development, which turned out to be the toddler's home.

Transit police described the mother as "visibly shaken" when she heard that her daughter was discovered outside alone.

She was reportedly reunited with her daughter at the hospital shortly after.

Medford Police will recognize D'Amelio's "quick response and careful attention" to the toddler's safety by presenting her with a certificate of commendation at Transit Police headquarters on Oct. 10. METRO

A grateful community

Medord police will recognize D'Amelio's 'quick response and careful attention.'

In the news

$38.5K

The Bike4Life ride went off without a hitch Sunday, despite the rain, according to the fundraiser's organizers, who also report that the group has raised $38,500 so far to improve walking, biking and transit conditions in the Boston area. Bike4Life, put on by the LivableStreets Alliance, aims to reach its $50,000 goal in the next few weeks. METRO

Today's local tweet

"If ya don't act like [your] steering wheel [is] a drum when more than a feeling comes on, you ain't cool !!! #boston"

WE CAN PICTURE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO RIDE IN @JAYBREEZY099'S CAR

In the news

Mortimer

Winchester man pleads guilty to killing wife, kids

WOBURN. A Winchester father pleaded guilty yesterday to killing his two young children, his wife and his mother-in-law.

Thomas Mortimer IV pleaded guilty to four counts of first-degree murder during a hearing in Middlesex Superior Court.

Mortimer killed his wife, 41-year-old Lauren Stone-Mortimer, his children, Thomas Mortimer V, 4, and Charlotte, 2, and their grandmother, Ellen Stone, 64. The family members were found dead inside the family's home in 2010. METRO/MN

Cops: Drunken driver slams police cruiser

BOSTON. An East Boston woman was arrested at 9 a.m. yesterday for allegedly driving while drunk after she drove into an unmarked state police cruiser and then backed into another car on Route 93 north, near the Freeport Street exit in Dorchester.

Maura Bertolino, 30, was charged with driving under the influence, driving to endanger, following too close and wrong-way operation. She was expected to be taken to the hospital for her "extreme level of intoxication," police said. METRO/MR

The hunt is on for accused local terrorist Abousamra

Feds say Mansfield man traveled to Pakistan, Yemen to seek training
Goal was to kill American soldiers Social media being used by FBI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is on the hunt for a Mansfield man who is accused of seeking terrorist training in Yemen and Pakistan in an effort to kill American soldiers overseas.

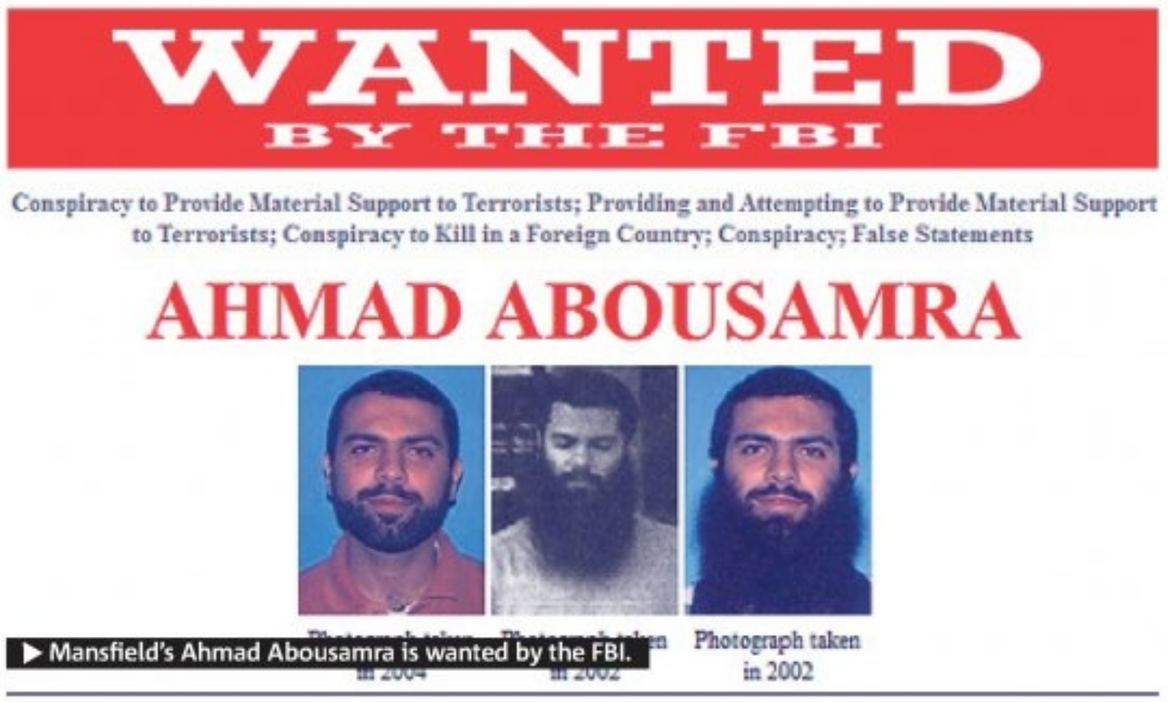
Ahmad Abousamra, 31, is believed to be currently living in Syria with his wife, daughter and possibly extended family, according to the FBI. He left the United States in 2006 and was indicted in 2009.

"Conspiring to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal violates our cherished ideal of peaceful dissent. Our goal is to find and arrest Abousamra so he can be tried by a jury of his peers," said Richard DesLauriers, special agent in charge of the Boston FBI office. "We believe publicizing Abousamra's photo and characteristics will lead to a tip about his whereabouts and, ultimately, to his arrest."

Besides making multiple trips to Pakistan and Yemen to obtain training, authorities allege that Abousamra also traveled to Iraq. While there, he hoped to joined forces fighting against American soldiers, but authorities said the exact nature of his activities in Iraq is unknown.

He was charged by a federal grand jury with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, providing material support to terrorists and conspiracy to kill in a foreign country, conspiracy, false statements, and aiding and abetting.

Abousamra is a U.S. citizen, but he has a dual citizenship with Syria. He can speak, read and write fluently in English and Arabic, authorities said, and has a college degree related to computer technology. He was previously employed at a telecommunications company.



Mansfield's Ahmad Abousamra is wanted by the FBI.

Quoted

"Knowing that the public is the FBI's best ally in finding fugitives, we're requesting their assistance to locate Ahmad Abousamra."

RICHARD DESLAURIERS, FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF BOSTON

$50K

The FBI is offering a $50,000 reward for information leading to Abousamra's arrest. Anyone with information can call 800-CALL-FBI or 617-742-5533.

An assist from social media

The FBI yesterday launched a significant public information campaign about the hunt for Abousamra. Besides the traditional wanted poster, the agency is making available a podcast, audio clips and a YouTube video. It is also using social media to generate tips and is using advertising on a social media website to target an overseas demographic.

Co-conspirator?

Abousamra is the co-conspirator of Tarek Mehanna, the Sudbury man who was convicted on similar charges and sent to prison earlier this year, authorities said.

According to an indictment, Mehanna and Abousamra traveled to the Middle East together, including Yemen, for the purpose of obtaining terrorist training.

Mehanna was sentenced earlier this year to nearly 18 years in prison.

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In the news

Menino pushes for Boston to win 'Most Innovative City' title

Yesterday, the Bay State was named the most energy efficient state in the nation; now, the mayor of Boston wants the Hub to take the title of "Most Innovative City in the World."

Mayor Thomas M. Menino took to Twitter to ask people to cast their votes and get Boston to the forefront of a Citi sponsored competition put on by the Wall Street Journal.

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The reason Boston is in the running: The city focuses on "smart growth" that makes good use of its limited land, and is proactive about protecting its greenbelts and urban sprawl; the Solar Boston program; the anticipated opening of $5.5 million Boston Innovation Center in May; its minimal water consumption — 74 gallons per person per day; the $3 billion Boston Innovation District master plan; and the $40 million, federally funded renovation of housing developments using green technology.

METRO/MR

Davis Square community mourns death of popular Metro hawker

Besides the copies of Metro David Tagliaferro would hand out to Red Line commuters each morning, he always had something else on hand for special passersby: He was known to hand out treats for dogs.

It was an easy gesture, but one that took the task of handing out free papers to a personal level. He went above and beyond in greeting the people making their way through Davis Square every morning.

Tagliaferro, who for six years was part of the morning routine for countless commuters, died suddenly Saturday at his Somerville home. He was 66. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Walt Zorkers, Metro Boston's distribution manager, said Tagliaferro was a "very warm person" and was one of Metro's "most beloved promoters."

A memorial poster will be left at Davis this morning during Tagliaferro's shift for those who want to leave a message.

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Online support

Dozens of commuters wrote messages on poster boards left at the Davis Square station yesterday morning announcing Tagliaferro's death.

"The bright spot of my day! You will be missed." **BRIDGET F.**

"Just heard that Dave, who handed me my @MetroBOS paper every morning for 4 yrs, passed away. Really nice guy. You'll be sorely missed, Dave." **@CAITRIONAFITZ**

Walking. To school

▶ It was a happy Walk to School Day for most of these kids.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Three-hundred local school children strutted around Boston Common yesterday to celebrate International Walk to School Day. About 500 schools have partnered with MassDOT in its Safe Routes to School program, which gets students, parents, school staff and local police involved in creative, yet safe modes of transportation, like "walking school buses," "bicycle trains" and other ways for families to get to school together. METRO

Boston company shows it's time for business by smartphone

A Boston-based company is nudging tech-savvy consumers away from cash and cards, and tempting them to do what they do best — use their smartphones.

LevelUp lets customers take a picture of their credit card and pay at participating locations by opening the app and holding it in front of the merchant's smartphone, which takes a picture of the QR code and charges the credit card.

LevelUp's founder, Seth Priebatsch, has watched his venture grow to include 300,000 active users since its launch in 2011 — and for Priebatsch the technology means less need for a wallet.

"What's cool here in Boston and a few other cities is that mobile payments are no longer a thing of the future," Priebatsch said. "The most gratifying thing for me is that the 'I can leave my wallet at home' thing is suddenly starting to be here. It's much more tangible than it was a year ago."

Boston-based burrito champion Boloco was a launch partner when LevelUp took off in 2011. CEO John Pepper said, "We thought it was interesting because we never really wanted to do the Groupons or the Living Social deals."

For Mike Conley, marketing director for Sebastian's Cafe, which has locations in Boston and Cambridge, it only made sense to capitalize on people's obsession with their smartphones.

"When we checked out our demographic, we noticed lots of people playing on their smartphones. We thought, 'Wouldn't it be cool to have a loyalty program that didn't require them to pull out anything extra?'" Conley said.

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Wrapping up Boloco

Today, LevelUp purchases make up less than 10 percent of Boloco's sales.

"I think there still is a discomfort; that is natural. … There is a barrier that's hard to overcome.

But to be honest, I think we are still targeting early adopters … who really like to try different things and are motivated to learn about mobile technology. Those are your core consumers, and the question is: When will the masses start grabbing on?" Boloco CEO John Pepper said.

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▶ Christian Sann, director of Boston for LevelUp, tests the product in the company's headquarters.

News in brief

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Murray

More service expected on Framingham/ Worcester commuter line

Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray was expected to visit Worcester today to finalize an agreement between the state and CSX Corporation, and also announce a new schedule for increased commuter rail service on the Framingham/ Worcester line.

Murray was expected to be joined by federal, state and local officials, CSX Corporation executives, businesses and the community to celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the new expanded, modernized CSX intermodal facility in Worcester.

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Police warn residents after woman attacked

SOMERVILLE. Police in Somerville are warning residents to be aware of their surroundings after a woman was indecently assaulted near Davis Square this week.

The 32-year-old woman was walking at about 8 p.m. Monday from the MBTA station to a nearby building, police said. She was talking on her cell phone when she was approached from behind by a man who then assaulted her.

She screamed and the man fled toward Davis Square.

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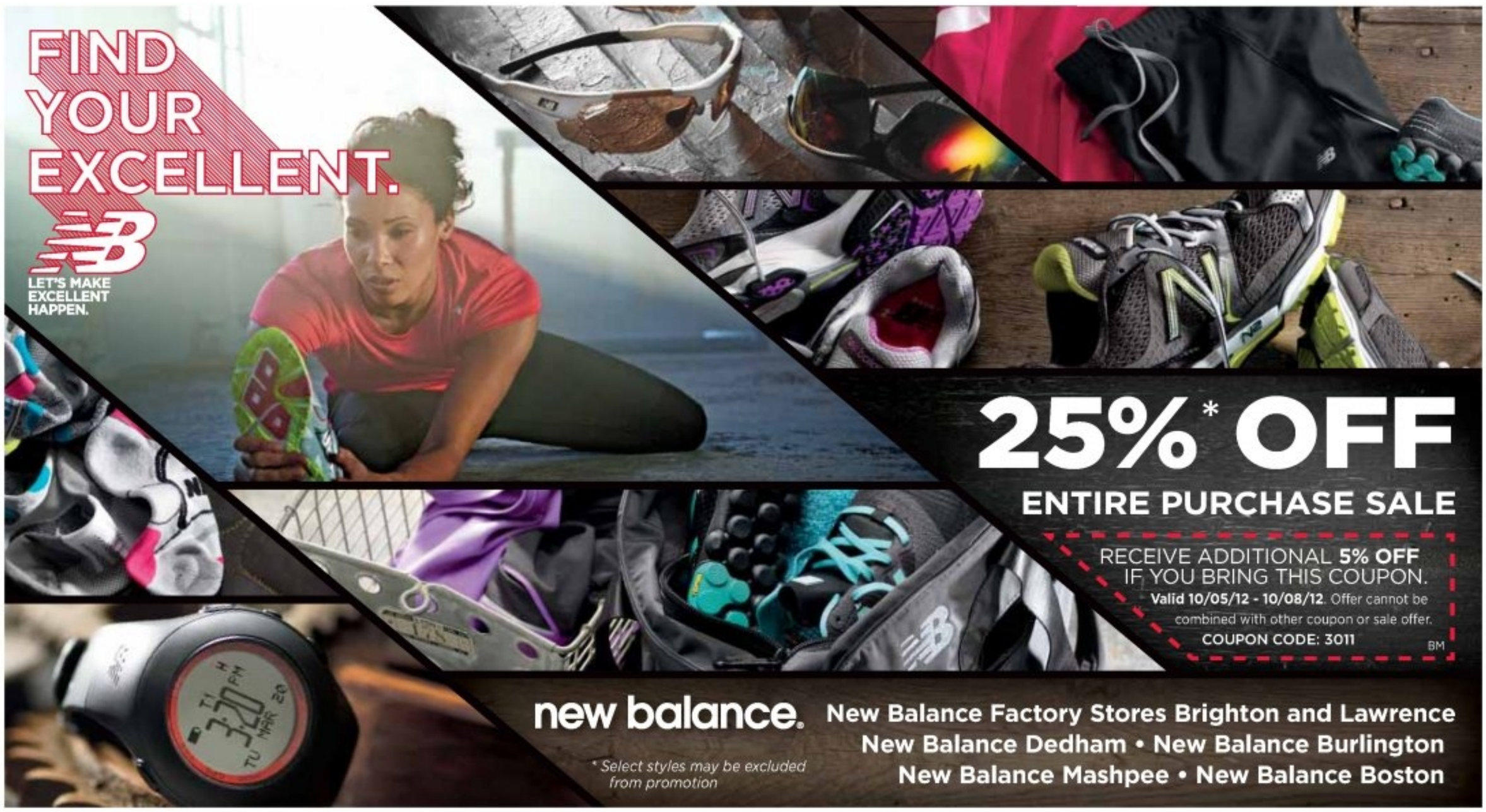

Metro photo challenge

▶ "Up Close and Personal — Camel in the Negev Desert, Israel" is by Sean Shapiro of Oreland, Pennsylvania.

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Delays dog US loans to green energy projects

A year after the U.S. government raced to meet a deadline to finish loan agreements with dozens of clean energy companies, less than half the total money promised has been handed over.

Technical questions and companies' own failures in hitting contractual milestones are behind some of the holdups.

But government officials fearful of taking a risk on firms that could collapse may have also caused some of the delays. The political firestorm after the failure of Solyndra, a solar panel maker that went bankrupt last year after receiving more than $527 million in a government loan, may have made the authorities wary, industry experts and investors say.

The Energy Department and some companies say the pace of disbursement reflects an appropriately cautious approach to handling taxpayer investment in nascent industries. In some cases, though, the rigid approval process for drawing on loans has frustrated recipients, who feel the government is withholding cash due to minor setbacks.

A Reuters analysis of data on payments to 19 solar, wind and geothermal power projects of the 26 in the Energy Department's portfolio shows that the pace at which funds have been released has been slow and uneven. Funding for the other seven loans, amounting to a combined $5.6 billion, comes from private lenders, with the Energy Department guaranteeing 80 percent of the principal. REUTERS

"One of the things it tells you is that the program became highly politicized and it gridlocked the process of doling out money."
THEODORE O'NEILL OF LITCHFIELD HILLS RESEARCH

SIR RICHARD SAYS

"I've been looking at the latest statistics on global warming, and it's terrifying — one mistake, Solyndra, it shouldn't affect all these other green companies. In my opinion, they should cancel all subsidies for dirty fuels and switch everything to clean fuels until we can get on top of the problems of global warming."

Egg choice

Fried or poached? It matters — because how you eat your eggs says a lot about your personality type, according to a new survey. It was carried out by the British Egg Industry Council which even suggests that what you eat for breakfast reflects your sex drive. The Council surveyed more than 1,000 U.K. adults and found that those who have their eggs:

- **Poached** — Are outgoing and friendly
- **Boiled** — Disorganized
- **Fried** — Have a high sex drive
- **Scrambled** — Are guarded
- **Omelet** — Are self-disciplined

SIR RICHARD SAYS

"I don't actually eat many eggs, is that a bad point or a good point?" [Finds out "fried" means you have a good sex drive.] "I'm definitely fried!" [Laughs]

In the news

Decaying crickets odor fouls town

An unusually mild winter in the central Texas town of Waco has produced a smelly problem for local business owners: decaying cricket carcasses.

The lack of cold meant that the insects bred in record numbers — and according to locals, they're dying in record numbers, too.

As a result, decaying cricket bodies inside walls or on sidewalks are producing a foul stench, which has so far defeated all attempts at masking it.

Air-scrubbing machines have failed to get rid of the smell, affecting a bank, a drugstore and other local businesses. METRO

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"My Experience With The MCAD: A (Legal) Cautionary Tale"

by George Voight, Jr.

Several years ago, I filed a complaint (docket #06BEM02829) with the Boston office of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination regarding my then recently separated-from employer, New England Baptist Hospital, because NEBH had refused to accommodate my chemical sensitivity to the off-gassing toxic chemicals (known as "VOCs") found in most new wall-to-wall carpeting---which existed in the building where my department had a few months earlier been relocated---by allowing me to temporarily remain working in an area with older carpets. And it had refused to do this even though I had disclosed my problem to the hospital BEFORE I was hired. Then, after almost two years---and after my complaint had been transferred to three different Boston office investigators---a Springfield office investigator(?), although conceding that "the newly installed carpets triggered complainant's reactions," nonetheless issued a Lack of Probable Cause Finding against me, which had been co-signed by two higher ranking MCAD officials.

In this Finding, the investigator ruled that "the evidence shows the Hospital was undergoing renovations at all locations," even though I had submitted an article to the MCAD from an NEBH newsletter---published shortly before the move---which indicated that five to six fully equipped workstations were being set up in the basement of the hospital, which had not been newly carpeted, specifically to ACCOMMODATE any soon-to-be relocated employees who would be temporarily working back at the main facility after the move. The investigator also ruled that "the evidence shows...Complainant voluntarily left his position," even though the Department of Transitional Assistance had determined a month before I filed my complaint that I had left my job INVOLUNTARILY and had granted me full unemployment benefits.

Additionally, the so-called "evidence" referred to in the Finding wasn't evidence at all. It consisted of a Position Statement from NEBH (a narrative of its version of events) and a series of answers from the hospital to 17 interrogatories submitted to it by the MCAD. The problem: both the Position Statement and the interrogatory responses were written by an attorney for NEBH and were dictated to this attorney and sworn to as true by a V.P. of Human Resources from the hospital, neither one of whom had ANY firsthand knowledge concerning the events which had caused me to leave my job because, apart from listening to the Human Resources V.P. speak at an orientation seminar, I had never met with or spoken to either of them in my life. So this "evidence," as it pertained to the events outlined in my complaint, was nothing more than parroted, secondhand information or, to use the legal term, HEARSAY (which even Judge Judy doesn't allow in her television courtroom).

Yet the MCAD didn't request a single confirming statement from any of those NEBH employees who DID have firsthand knowledge regarding the events outlined in my complaint, which it had the legal authority to do. And it KNEW that the Human Resources V.P. had AT BEST very limited direct knowledge concerning those events because in response to interrogatory #4, the hospital's attorney wrote---and the Human Resources V.P. swore to---this: "Basis of knowledge: (the H.R. V.P.) has knowledge REGARDING HER COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHERS as to Complainant's medical condition and potential accommodations" (my caps.)---the very definition of hearsay.

Moreover, NEBH's Position Statement was internally inconsistent: It argued that chemical sensitivity didn't rise to the level of a disability but claimed that the hospital had offered me short-term disability benefits anyway. And it ended with this self-evidently speculative (and false) conclusion: "Voight's resignation was prompted by his desire to collect what he perceived to be more lucrative unemployment benefits instead of the disability benefits that he would have received if he remained employed and took a medical leave of absence."

In fact, disability benefits were never discussed---because I wasn't disabled: There is a big difference between having a disability and BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH AN ACCOMMODATION and being totally disabled and UNABLE TO WORK UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. And at the time of my departure from the hospital, I obviously had no idea if I would be granted unemployment benefits or not.

Also, the oath which the Human Resources V.P. signed attesting to the truthfulness of the Position Statement---again, without any firsthand knowledge concerning the events outlined in my complaint---contained such qualifying statements as: "New England Baptist Hospital reserves the right to make ANY changes in or additions to the Statement if it appears AT ANY TIME that errors or omissions have been made therein or that more accurate or complete information has become available" (my caps), rendering this oath both meaningless and legally unenforceable; yet the MCAD accepted it as valid nonetheless.

To summarize, then: the MCAD ruled against me based on---nothing, legally speaking. (And being represented by an attorney did nothing to prevent this outcome, by the way.) But why should you care about the legal laxness and arguable incompetence of this Commission? Because, per Massachusetts law, all employment discrimination claims---and all housing discrimination claims---MUST be filed with it. So someday you could be asking yourself this question: Do I want the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, an entity which acts in effect as a surrogate court but which does not adhere to the rules of evidence observed by the Commonwealth's legitimate court system, to adjudicate ANYTHING for me?

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Romney aggressor in debate war of attrition

Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama last night of promoting "trickle-down government" policies that are burdening the U.S. economy, as the Republican candidate sought to use a high-stakes debate to right his struggling campaign before the November 6 presidential election.

As polls showed Obama with a slight edge among voters, Romney was the aggressor throughout the 90-minute encounter between the two rivals at the University of Denver.

The two men, standing side-by-side for the first time after months of brutal campaign attacks hurled at each other, clashed over taxes, healthcare and the role of government, reflecting the deep ideological divide in Washington.

The debate saw no haymaker punches thrown and not much in the way of one-line zingers. Instead, it was a war of attrition as each man used facts and figures to make his points and stress the differences between them.

Romney, however, may have done himself some favors with crisper answers than Obama, who sounded professorial and a bit long-winded despite his staff's best efforts to get him to give snappier comments.

The incumbent Democrat did put Romney on the defensive about his proposals for overhauling the U.S. tax system. REUTERS

JEWEL SAMAD/AFP/GETTYIMAGES

▶ T-shirts with pictures of Obama and Romney are for sale at a roadside stall in Denver.

By the numbers

Polls show scope of Romney's challenges

During the next five weeks — and two more debates — Republican candidate Mitt Romney will make an appeal to voters aimed at overcoming President Barack Obama's campaign, which has outflanked his own for much of the past four months. Romney enters the final sprint to the Nov. 6 election behind in national polls and trailing in most of the nine or so politically divided "swing" states that are likely to decide the election. Just as important, Romney trails Obama among likely voters on a broad array of issues and personal ratings that reflect the scope of the challenge Romney faces in trying to come from behind and snatch the presidency from the Democratic incumbent.

Reuters/Ipsos polls indicate that Obama has small leads over Romney on questions about which candidate would best handle the economy and who could create more jobs, even though Romney has made his business experience as the head of a private equity firm the centerpiece of his campaign. Likely voters are particularly supportive of Obama on more personal issues. Romney, who has been portrayed by Democrats as out of touch, trails Obama by about 30 points among voters who were asked which candidate was more likable. REUTERS

Tax burden

Polls show that potential voters think Obama would better handle taxes.

45%
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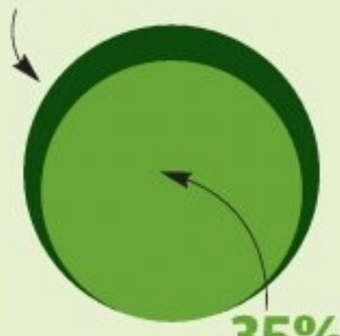

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SAY ROMNEY'S BETTER.

Securing society

Polls show that voters think Obama would better deal with Social Security.

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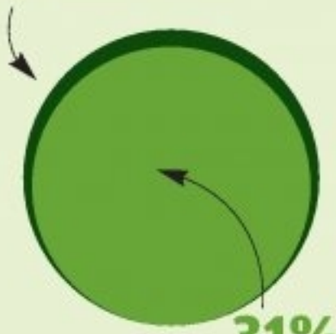
SAY OBAMA'S BETTER



31%
SAY ROMNEY'S BETTER.

Obama said

"We ended up moving from surpluses to deficits and it all culminated with the worst recession since the Great Depression."

8.1%
Romney zeroed in on weak economic growth and 8.1 percent unemployment.

Romney said

"I'm concerned that we're on the path that's just been unsuccessful. The president has a view very similar to the one he had when he ran for office four years ago, that spending more ... regulating more ... trickle-down government ... would work."

Body language

Sara Canuso, president of Philadelphia-based personal image firm "A Suitable Solution," talks body language:

- Romney is doing well with his facial expressions — they're coming off as natural and genuine.
- Obama is keeping his eyes focused downward as Romney is speaking to him, a sign that the incumbent may not want to hear what Romney is saying.
- It seems like Obama hits a sore spot when he mentions Romney's proposed tax cut package. Romney shows signs of frustration.
- As the candidates delve into the deficit, Obama's is still defensive.
- Obama comes off as warm and genuine while discussing his grandparents in the context of Social Security, showing emotion in his eyes and using open-palmed, natural hand gestures.
- When Romney places his hand over his heart, "it's a sign he is sincere in what he is saying."
- Obama doesn't like it when Romney uses the word "Obamacare" — his tightened jaw shows a flash of defensiveness.
- Romney is in full-on defense mode while discussing his proposed healthcare plan.
- Education. Obama is warm, smiling and appears relaxed.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF DEBATES IS DEBATABLE

Last night's presidential debate was certainly [electrifying/a snooze fest]. Despite some [mild/horrifying] gaffes and [snappy/cringe-worthy] zingers, the candidates managed to [clarify/confuse] their positions and make themselves seem more [likeable/repulsive]. [Reference new drinking game/hashtag/meme].

OK — as you may have already deduced, print deadlines required that I turn in this column before last night's debate, so the template above is as far as I could get. Feel free to circle the correct answers.

Though you are a person living in the time after the first 2012 presidential debate, it is unlikely that your knowledge of the immediate future has given you any advantage in predicting who will win the election. While I love debates, they are unlikely to have any effect on the outcome of the election.

An analysis of presidential debates from 1960 to 2008 compared polls taken a week before the first debate to polls taken the week after the last debate. The results were statistically unchanged in nine out of the last 10 elections for which debates took place. In the one outlier — 1976 — the candidate with the smoothest debate performance actually lost ground in the polls. These results are unsettling. I want debates to matter. Debates provide our best chance at catching an honest glimpse of the candidates and testing their ability to connect with the people they're competing to lead.

I think the entire campaign should be a nonstop series of debates of every format. I want week-long televised events where the candidates pick a team of experts and consult with them to propose solutions to hypothetical problems. I want to see how presidential candidates choose their advisers and how they wade through complex facts and conflicting advice to make decisions. I want to see how they negotiate, how they manage. I want to know what they do when they encounter a problem they haven't prepped a solution to beforehand. Why don't we test candidates on the skills that actually make for good presidents?

Though it probably won't, I hope last night's debate at least deserves to matter. And above all, I hope you didn't drink every time someone said "jobs."

Quoted

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Branson labels US drugs policy 'racist'

Stirring the pot

L.A. council rescinds ban

The Los Angeles City Council voted to rescind a newly enacted ban on storefront medical marijuana shops on Tuesday, allowing the city to avoid a referendum next year that some officials said would likely succeed in reversing the prohibition. The Los Angeles City Council, in a blow to an industry that operates in violation of federal law, voted in July to ban pot dispensaries and replace them with a system that would allow up to three patients to collectively grow marijuana.

But medical marijuana advocates collected in August the necessary 27,425 signatures to put the decision to a March 2013 referendum vote. Under city rules, that put the ban on hold until the vote.

The backtracking comes a week after federal authorities moved to close about 70 such dispensaries. REUTERS

American drugs policy is a "war on black people" and results in the jailing of too many African Americans, billionaire entrepreneur and drugs law campaigner Sir Richard Branson told Metro yesterday.

Branson, who is a member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, a body of leading figures and politicians campaigning for more effective drugs laws, said the U.S. approach to drugs was "racist."

"The fundamental difference in America, is that it is a war against black people in America. It's black people ... 85 percent of people who go to prison for drug use in America are black people. They don't take more drugs, but it's a racist law against black people in America," he said.

Branson was speaking at the Broadway offices of Metro New York, where he was Global Guest Editor for all of Metro's sister titles around the world.

Branson and the Commission call for a fresh approach, urging governments to treat addiction as an illness, best tacked by treatment and education, rather than as a crime.

He cited the example of Portugal, which has decriminalized drug use, although it continues to prosecute drug traffickers and dealers.

"The law should be changed. You've got something like 1.5 million people in American jails languishing for taking drugs and that is wrong. Those people would be much better being out in society, being helped if they have drug problem, getting off the problem," he added. He said orthodox anti-drugs policy had failed across the world.

"I am part of global commission on drugs, and it consists of 15 ex-presidents from South America, it consists of people like Kofi Annan, Paul Volcker, George Schultz, and ex-presidents from Switzerland and Greece and other places. And we just spent two years looking at the war on drugs and it is obvious it failed. Thousands of people in South Africa are killed every year, more and more people are sent to prison and the amount of people using drugs increases year over year."

He was reacting to the news that an American border agent had been killed in shoot out with a suspected Mexican drugs gang in Arizona.

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▶ Guest Editor Sir Richard Branson

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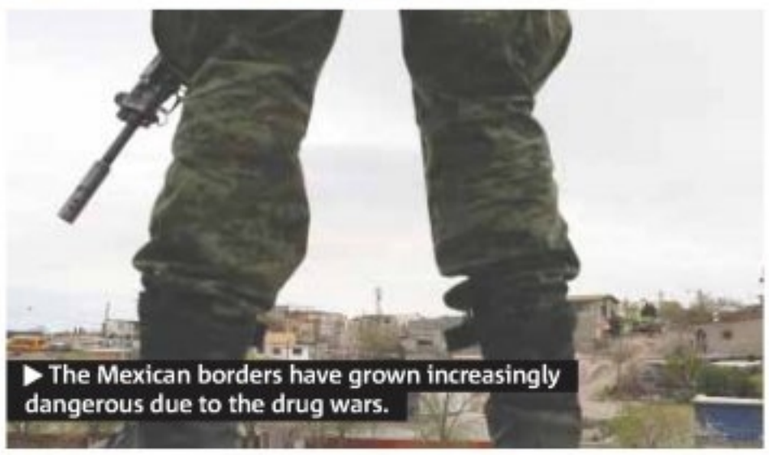

▶ The Mexican borders have grown increasingly dangerous due to the drug wars.

A Border Patrol agent was shot dead and another wounded when they came under fire early on Tuesday while responding to a tripped ground sensor in a drug smuggling corridor in Arizona, near the border with Mexico, authorities said.

Authorities said three agents were on foot about 5 miles north of the border when gunfire erupted well before daybreak but provided few additional details on the circumstances of the violence.

The shooting marks the fourth death of a Border Patrol agent in Arizona in less than two years and was likely to reignite concerns over border security in a state neighboring Mexico that is already at the forefront of the immigration debate. "Flags will be lowered in honor of the slain agent. Elected officials will vow to find those responsible," Gov. Jan Brewer said in a statement. REUTERS

Arrests made:

Mexican troops have arrested two suspects in the killing of a U.S. Border Patrol agent shot dead in Arizona while responding to a tripped ground sensor and the wounding of a second officer, Mexican security officials said last night. The two suspects were detained in a Mexican military operation in Agua Prieta.

Branson's right

Eugene O'Donnell is a former NYC police officer and prosecutor

We are a nation awash in legalized drug abuse. The alcohol industry has an obscene stranglehold on much of American life, especially professional sports. Big Tobacco knowingly sustains itself by hooking teens and pre-teens: they know that 25 year olds don't wake up and start smoking. Television is awash with the drug peddling of the pharmaceutical industry urging people with the most trivial maladies to demand a prescription drug from their doctors-or to just get an over the counter "remedy."

All of these commercially available drugs are regularly abused and have harmful, even lethal results. At the same time, drug users — the sad, not the bad, find themselves facing the sharp jaws of a justice system that takes those wrestling with the demons of abuse and jails and destroys them — in the name of saving them.

While the nation spends billions pursuing drug addicts and their enablers, thousands of perpetrators of crimes that hurt others, including murderers, go unapprehended. It is appallingly late to what is right here and stop the indecent criminalizing of our fellow Americans brought low through addiction.

"All of these commercially available drugs are ... abused and have harmful ... results."
O'DONNELL

Branson's wrong

Heather MacDonald is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a contributing editor of City Journal

Sir Richard's arguments are as faulty as his data. Given that there were only 735,601 inmates in U.S. jails in 2011, it's hard to understand how there could be 1.5 million inmates in jail simply for taking drugs. Perhaps, however, Sir Branson doesn't understand the difference between a jail and a prison. There were 1.4 million inmates in state prisons in 2010, but the percentage of state prisoners incarcerated on a drug charge is under 20 percent.

The notion that drug laws represent a "war on black people" is equally ludicrous. The much-maligned federal crack law (since revised), the favorite bugaboo of the "drug laws are racist" crowd, was passed at the instigation of the Congressional Black Caucus. Queens Congressman Alton Waldon, calling for a federal penalty against crack in 1986, said of the crack epidemic then raging in New York: "For those of us who are black this self-inflicted pain is the worst oppression we have known since slavery ... Let us ... pledge to crack down on crack."

If the U.S. wants to legalize drugs, it should do so on the merits of the legalization argument, not because of a specious charge of racism.

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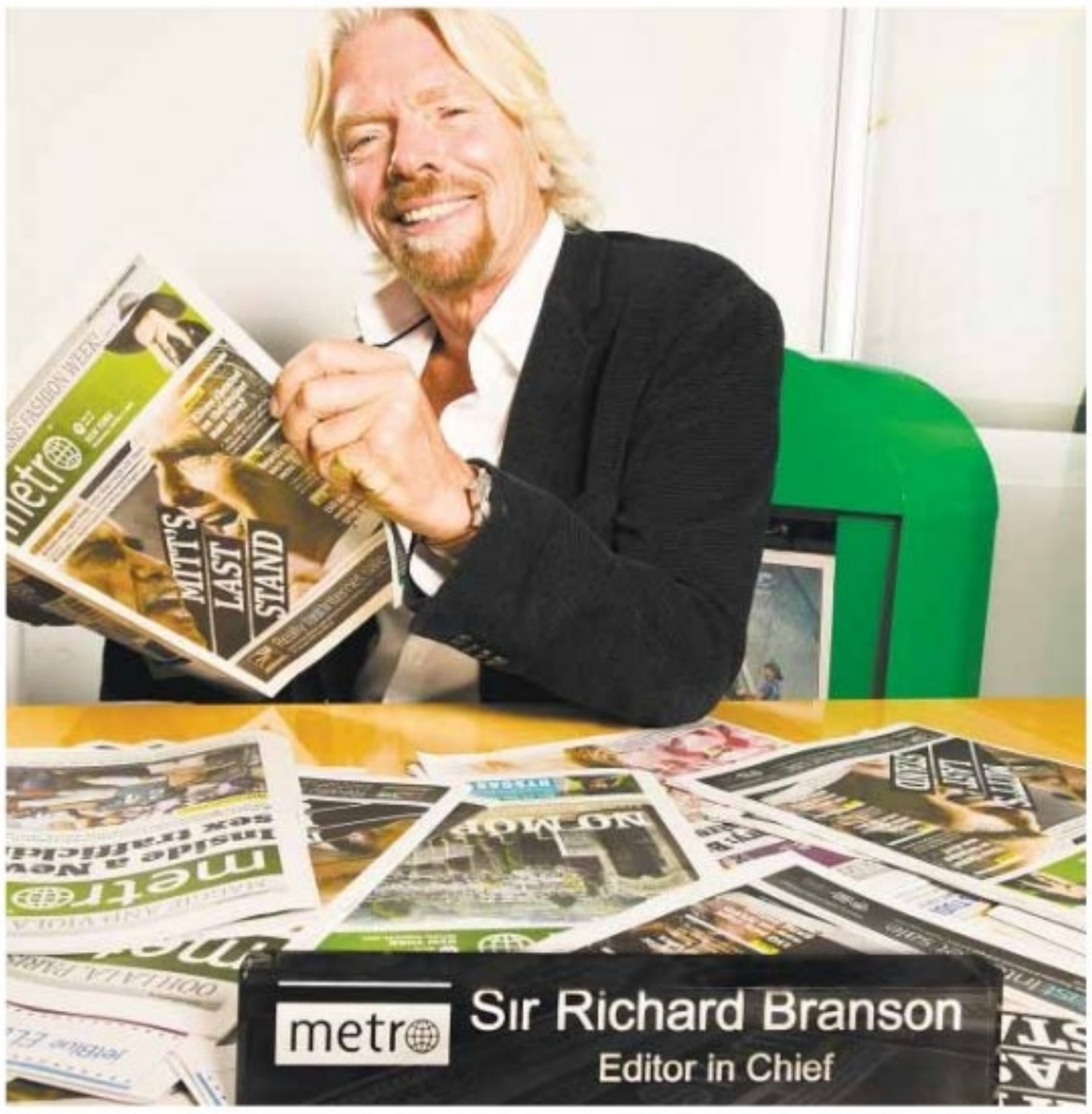

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's been more than 40 years since I last edited Student Magazine, my first business venture, so I'm excited to be here in Metro's editor seat. With news going online and onto tablets and across channels such as **Virgin.com**, Twitter, Facebook, Google+, even Instagram, content is still a big part of my life and I know yours, too. Thank you for choosing to spend your break or commute checking out what's happening today that I find exciting and important.

Throughout the issue, the message you'll hear is the rally cry of every entrepreneur: In problems, there are opportunities. What may seem impossible is an exciting challenge. For example: While other airlines cut costs, we at Virgin choose to improve choice and control with the best entertainment system, fleetwide WiFi, and gorgeous Clubhouses to enjoy airport wait times. When retail banks are shrinking their lending, Virgin Money is growing, putting people first and striving to make everyone better off. While businesses ignore people and planet in their zeal for profits, Virgin Unite sees a chance to start The B Team **(bteam.org)** to help businesses improve how they do business without losing their business. When the government uses a faulty process that risks the taxpayers millions of dollars, Virgin Trains and its customers speak up and demand a better, fairer process. What problem have you turned into an opportunity? Tweet me at **@richardbranson:** I'm listening.

Media today offers fresh conversation, where the reader isn't the only one getting the message; the editor and staff listen and they respond. Listening and sharing ideas on different and better approaches to business and the world can make a wonderful difference in people's lives. What we read every morning is a reminder to not sit on our hands and feel powerless but to jump up and seize the day. There are problems to turn into opportunities! So read on and see how you can contribute to making the world a better place.

SIR RICHARD BRANSON

The Virgin magnate sits down with Metro to discuss sex, drugs and changing the world. "The more I go on in life, the more extreme ideas I have."

OUR GUEST EDITOR

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"Hello, nice to meet you," says Richard Branson, extending an index finger instead of a hand. His pinkies are wrapped in bandages, and he winces in pain. Two days before, the Virgin Group founder, one of the world's richest men and notorious daredevil, set a world record for the oldest person to kite surf the English Channel, at 61. (A day earlier, his son Sam had set the record for the world's fastest crossing, at any age.)

Despite that, he's already back at his London office with a full day booked — and you can hear his voice echoing down the halls.

Branson's Virgin Group, founded in 1966, has an uncountable number of businesses, including an airline, a space shuttle and submarines, along with health clubs, charities and film company. He has also helped found organizations meant to save the world, such as The Elders, a group (featuring Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu) dedicated to solving global conflicts.

When not working, Branson plays, quite hard, on his own private Necker Island, in (where else), the Virgin Islands. His varied interests have one commonality: galling ambition.

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Shall we begin? Congratulations on breaking the record this past Sunday.

Thank you very much. Do you kite surf? I'm afraid all my staff have to kite surf, otherwise you're going to lose your jobs. When am I going to be your boss?

Not until October. You haven't gotten the job yet. Think of this conversation as a job interview.

OK, OK. [Laughs]

While you were breaking that world record, I was supposed to run a 10K but ditched it. What separates me from you, besides the billions?

Well, I've got a gut feeling — I've only just met you — but I doubt there's much that separates us both, if you're going to go running 10K on a Sunday morning. You're somebody that says, let's live life to its full and give it a go. And my approach to life is, I'd much rather say yes than no — see what I'm capable of — and if my children say they're going to kite surf the English Channel, I don't want to be left behind. I want to be out there doing it with them. It's fantastic to keep fit and see what you're capable of.

Do you judge me for failing to run the 10K? Or would you judge me, if I was your actual employee?

I think, um — I think that people who make a point of trying to look after themselves, keep fit and healthy,

I'd definitely give them a tick over somebody who's let themselves go. If you're fit and healthy, you actually get three or four hours extra in per day, and that adrenaline kick from being fit and healthy — nothing beats it. Even alcohol and drugs.

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Screw business as usual!

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And what about sex?
Um, yeah sex is pretty damn good as well. [Checks watch] Yeah, excuse me, I've got to [go have some] … [Laughs] No, yeah.

You're going to die one day — does that shadow fuel you?
I think that it's counterproductive to think about death, because … I don't like to think negative thoughts, and to me death is a negative thought. I try to find the best of everything in life. It can make you think, what's the point about certain things?

But death is a reality. Even though you're optimistic, you must deal with reality, especially as a businessman.
If you're an optimistic person, you can make optimism happen — you can bring your desires to fruition. If you're a pessimistic person, equally you can bring your worst fears to fruition. So I was brought up to be an optimist, to be positive. I love surrounding myself with positive people. I love to think that nothing is impossible. The more I go on in life, the more extreme ideas I have. So on the adventure side, we try to go to the bottom of the ocean, in a submarine, or go into space, both difficult technological challenges. But having almost realized those two dreams, I'm now setting us tougher challenges.

Can we come up with a cure for breast cancer, or prostate cancer, can we come up with a cure for diabetes? Can we get the best scientists in the world to not just think about taking people into space but to cure some of these problems?

To that end, you are interested in social entrepreneurism—businesses that make money by bettering the planet. Can I ask you something obnoxious first — can we compare wallets?
You know, I've never carried a wallet. Maybe it's how I've made my money: I never carry any money. [laughs] "Can I borrow a fiver?" [laughs]

Does someone carry around your credit cards?
You know, the funny thing about making money or being successful is nobody will let you pay for anything. So I'll be like, "I've made some money, I want to pay for it!" and they'll say, "No, no, no, of course not." So…

OK, so my point was going to be, your wallet is probably bigger than mine, and that you have more money than all our readers. And sometimes, starting or supporting social entrepreneurism can be expensive. The bad stuff — processed food, non-hybrid cars, etc. — is cheaper. What can a regular person do?
First of all, you have to analyze what a business is. It's one that is hopefully creating something that is going to make a difference in other people's lives. And if you're going to spend your life creating a business, it might as well be positive. Because if it makes a positive difference, it's likely to make you money. And if it's making you money, it'd be great if you could spend some of the money, or the time of the people around you, to tackle some of the problems of the world.

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Read this before you spark up

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Right. But it gets tricky because some of the very desirable things leave quite a footprint. Like the amount of environmental damage just to make a iPod is staggering. Do you have an iPod?
Um, I have an iPad. And my footprint is horrendous! I've got 400 airplanes, a spaceship company, 100 trains, 100 train sets. Yet, on the profits I make from all these dirty businesses, we try to develop clean fuels, and we're close to being very successful on that. We've also got the Carbon War Room, a not-for-profit, to get gigatons of carbon out of business. And so on. We've by no means balanced our books, but we're trying. And I do think the answer to the world's problems are most likely not NOT to buy an iPad, but a technological answer.

You wanted this global edition of Metro to be about legalizing drugs. If drugs were legal, would you have a Virgin arm that sold drugs or opiates?
Because I'm on the Global Drug Commission, I've decided not to invest in medical marijuana, only because, I mean: I'm on the Global Drug Commission! To try to have drugs treated as a health problem, not a criminal problem. The war on drugs has patently failed. And in countries where they have treated drugs as a health problem, they've largely taken care of the problem. So I've decided as a businessman, it'd be unwise to get involved. I'd lose my credibility as an impartial commissioner.

That said …I brought a joint. Will you smoke it with me?
Um. Um. [Considers] Well, I would certainly, I would certainly, I would — right now, if I smoked a joint, I would keel over because I'm just managing to get my words out having had so much salt water in me after kitesurfing the Channel. But the — no look: As far as I'm concerned, I've told my children this as well, I'd be really pissed off if they started smoking cigarettes, because I don't want them to fuck up their bodies, but if they smoke the occasional joint, I wouldn't be unhappy. And so, one day, you and I will have a joint together.

Maybe when you guest edit.
You know, I do think the tide [towards legalizing drugs] is turning. Mexico just lost their president, who has waged this war on drugs — he lost the election. Colombia has just legalized marijuana in small quantities. My son's bringing out a documentary called "Taboo," a powerful film about this.

OK. We'll send you a lineup and we can work out some ideas.
It means the paper being brave, but fuck it. We could do what's going on in Portugal and Switzerland and Germany. I could get President Cardoso from Brazil to do a piece, I could get President Carter to do a piece.

WOODY HARRELSON ON...

... well, take a guess. The outspoken hemp activist tells us the war on drugs just isn't working.

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As drunken Haymitch in "The Hunger Games," Woody Harrelson spends the series raving angrily about the oppressive government. In real life, he gets just as fired up when talking about marijuana legalization. A longtime activist, Harrelson has been arrested for planting hemp seeds and is on the advisory board of the law reform group NORML. This fall, he appears in the satirical documentary "How to Make Money Selling Drugs."

1 What are your thoughts on marijuana legalization?

To me, war, in general, is extremely lucrative. If war weren't so, there'd be less of it, and the same holds true for the war on non-corporate drugs.

And so when you talk about living in a free country, my definition would be that you can do whatever you want as long as you don't hurt someone else or hurt their property. Now, it may be bad for me to hit myself in the head with a ball-peen hammer, but it should be also my prerogative.

2 In L.A., pot dispensaries are legal, but police have cracked down on people without prescriptions.

Typical. What do you expect from government? More government. Now obviously pharmaceuticals, [the government has] got a hand in that, so there's no reason to try to clamp down on them.

3 So you think they're trying to roll back some of the progress...?

Naturally. If it wasn't a crime, there wouldn't be criminals. Wouldn't be cartels. It would be up to the individual. Anyway, my version of freedom is I'll do what I want. I don't give a shit what the laws are. I mean, as long as I don't hurt anyone, as an addendum to that statement.

MAKING PEACE

Drug legalization. Eleven years ago, Portugal introduced the world's most liberal drug laws. Metro checks in to see how — and if — it's working.

In 2001 Portugal scrapped criminal sentences for drug use. Instead of jail, drug users get treatment — and society benefits.

Portuguese can buy "magic mushrooms" and hashish in a number of specialty shops. Some refer to them as Dutch-style "smart shops," though they officially trade in herbal substances. But if you know where to find drugs, you can buy them without worrying about going to jail.

In fact, the police won't even put the drug users on trial. Instead, they are offered specialist medical and psychological treatment. That, say proponents of drug legalization, is a system other countries should adopt as well. Jeffrey Miron, a professor of economics at Harvard University, estimates that the United States government would save $41.3 billion on police, courts and jails if it legalized drugs — and earn another $46.7 billion on drug taxes. "The biggest benefit of drug legalization is the reduction in government expenditures, since tax revenues on drugs are harder to predict," he says.

Since liberalizing its drug laws, Portugal has made remarkable progress. The share of injection drug users has halved, to 0.5 percent of the population. Overall drug use is lower than the EU average.

"There are significant savings related to the burden on the judicial system, the prison system and the police," notes Professor Jose Pedro Portugal of the Department of Economic Studies at the Bank of Portugal. "On the other hand, the health system now has multi-disciplinary teams of doctors, psychologists, judges and social workers, which is also expensive. But there's no doubt in my mind that this system is very successful, though expensive."

But experts like Dr. Carlos Fugas, a psychologist who treats drug addicts in Lisbon, worry about the consequences. "People who buy in 'smart shops,' don't show up in the statistics," he says. Adds Dr. Manuel Pinto Coelho, a drug treatment specialist: "When people speed, we don't change the laws to simply allow speeding. Why do we have to accept drug use?" But, argues Miron, legalization

WORLD OF DRUGS

About 5% of adults used an illicit drug in 2010. You think it isn't much? It includes y grandparents and people in rural Africa! What drugs are they using? Do strict laws help prevent people from using them? How much will governments save after legalizing drugs and what would be the effect on society?

Estimated annual prevalence and number of illicit drug users at the global level, 2010, based on treatment demand figures.

TAX THE DRUGS?

If illicit drugs were legalized and taxed as alcohol and toba

generate tax revenue of roughly $46.7bn

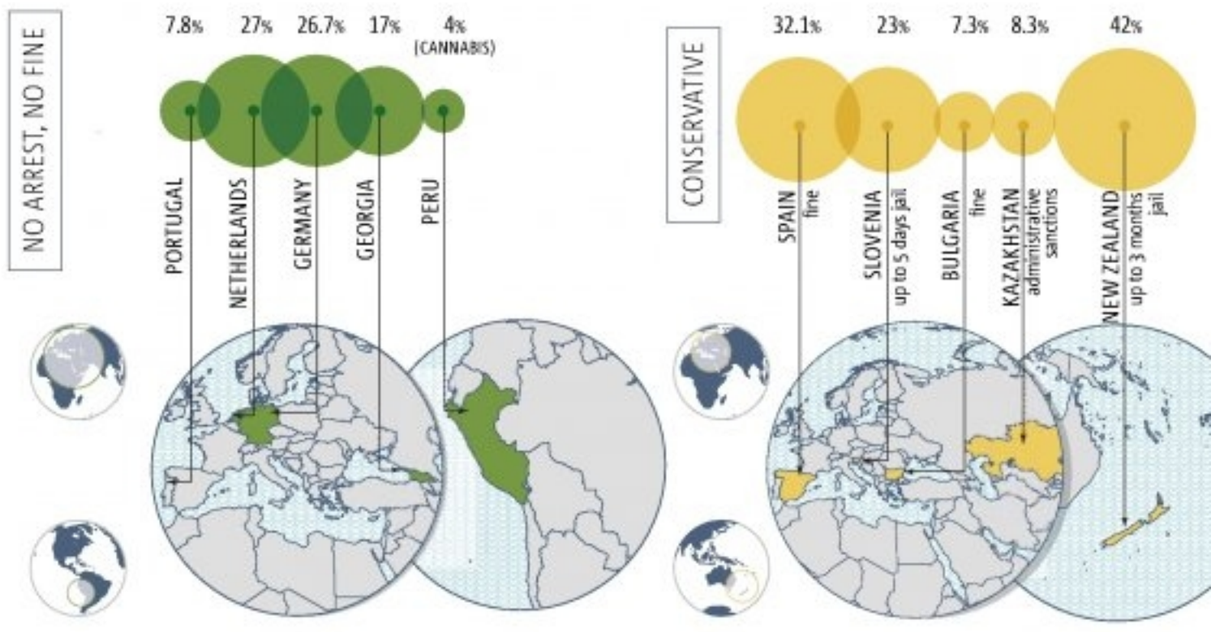
reduce government expenditure by $41.3bn

The total savings and taxes gain: $88bn

WHAT YOU CAN BUY WITH $88bn: 2 9 TOYOT

% OF POPULATION THAT HAS USED DRUGS

The figures say it all: strict laws won't slow down drug thrill-seekers. In conservative despite the threat of a 3-month jail term; while in liberal Portugal, only 7.8% have c



WITH THE DRUG WAR

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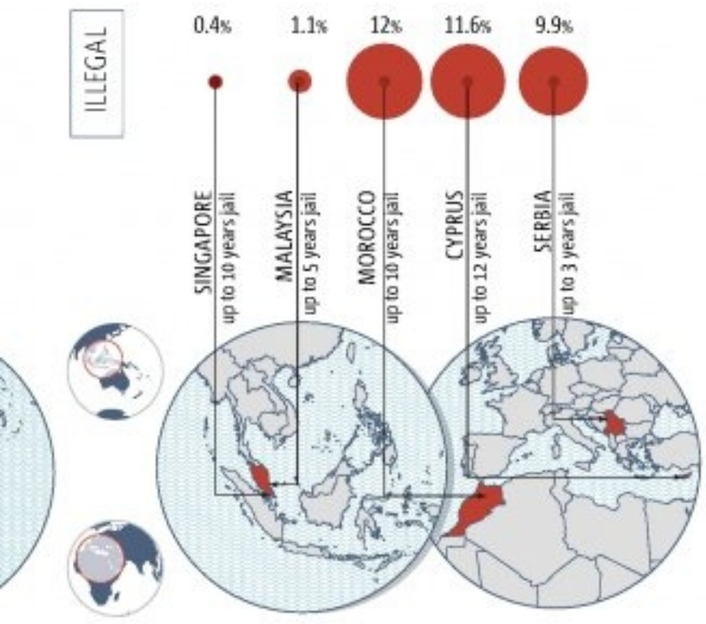
e New Zealand, 42% of locals have tried drugs, dabbled in narcotics.



still makes sense: "Whether drugs are legal or not impacts the wealth of the people who use them. If drugs are illegal, it pushes the users underground and exposes them to criminality. That affects the whole society."

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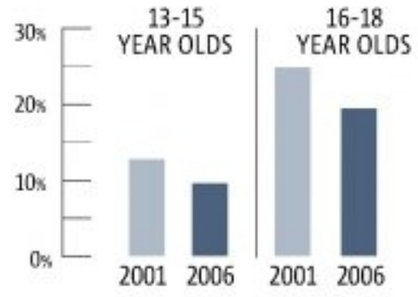
PORTUGAL: CASE STUDY

In 2001 Portugal decriminalized all drugs for personal use. While many politicians lamented such a bold move, drug use, HIV rates and number of deaths related to drugs dropped significantly!

SHARE OF DRUG USERS



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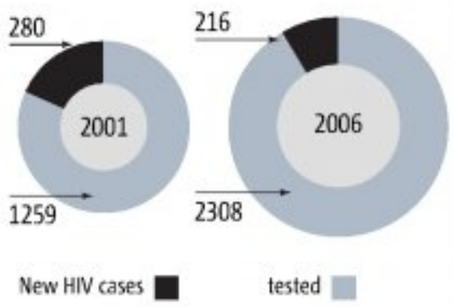

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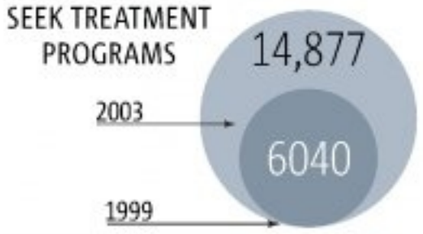

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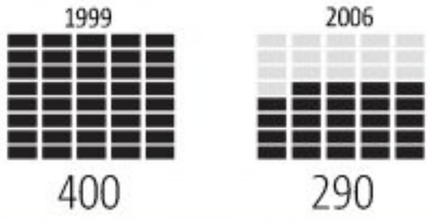

Analysis

"More drug liberty would save lives"

LUIS FARIA
President, Contraditorio think tank, Lisbon

How has drug use legalization impacted the Portuguese?
Any liberalization has a positive impact on consumers and taxpayers. However, in Portugal only consumption was decriminalized; trafficking is still illegal. Drug dealers still don't pay taxes. However, there are fewer drug arrests and this in turn may have consequences such as a larger supply of free, legally employed men. Violent crime is largely a side-effect of drug prohibition, not of drugs. More liberty would save lives.

Drug legalization proponents often say that fighting drugs is a waste of government money.
Between 2004 and 2010 the number of drug addicts treated by the National Health Service increased from 30,266 to 37,983. Health is the drug-related public expenditure topic where the most taxpayer money is spent. But to accurately demonstrate if this policy was an economic success we would have to compare the evolution of costs with the drug-related jailed population, security and drug addicts under treatment in public health services and such data are not available.

The number of Portuguese drug addicts has increased since the economy went sour. Why?
I can only see alcohol as an explanation. Alcohol is still the cheaper drug and it ruins far more lives, destroys more families and kills than all illegal drugs put together.

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Made in California. Homemade dope puts cartels out of business

Since the 1990s, Californians suffering from chronic illnesses have been able to buy marijuana. Last year, the state passed an even more liberal drug law. Californians can now buy up to 28 grams of marijuana. Drug legalization supporters say doing so would minimize Mexican drug cartels' profits. Marijuana consumed in California only accounts for 2-4 percent of Mexican cartels' revenues. Even so, Californians could put the drug cartels out of the pot business: Californian pot is cheaper than Mexican even if it's taxed. **MWN**

Doctor special, no gang can compete with that offer. / GETTY IMAGES

Prostitution. Should the world's oldest profession be legal, too?

Earlier this year, a Canadian court ruled that banning brothels puts prostitutes in danger as it forces them onto the streets. Prostitutes can now rent apartments for their trade and form business relationships. In Amsterdam prostitutes operate freely, while Spain turns a blind eye.

And more countries are considering legalization, arguing that regulating it reduces crime and is safer.

But according to Rachel Lloyd, executive director of Girls Educational and Mentoring Services in New York City, claims that legalizing prostitution makes it safer for women have not been proven. **MWN**

Many countries are go go for legalising prostitution. / GETTY IMAGES

What Portugese think of the decriminalization of drugs use?

"I'm all for this law of the decriminalization of drugs use in our country. Every citizen has freedom of choice towards their own choices. However, they must suffer the penalties of the society in which they live."
Catarina Silva, student, 20

"I am in favor of private consumption decriminalization and against the penalty, because every citizen is free to make his own choice. Nobody should be punished for self-inflicted harm."
João Ricardo, student, 23

The new school for oceans preservation

Environment. The Ocean Elders, other conservation groups, see initial success.

A school of fish in the waters of Palau. / © ALEX HOFFORD / GREENPEACE

CO_2 emissions. Garbage. Pollution. Even space capsules and atomic bombs. What we humans don't want, we dispose of in our oceans — and at the same time, we rob them of their fish.

The good news is that a growing corps of governments, corporations, private individuals and ocean-conservation groups like the Ocean Elders are taking action. The Ocean Elders, funded by Richard Branson, consists of leading ocean explorers and scientists like Sylvia Earle, the oceanographer and TIME hero. "A lot of great work is being done by many organizations, but we felt they weren't getting the attention they deserve," Ocean Elder founder and CEO Gigi Brisson tells Metro. "Our members are a mixture of scientists, musicians and businessmen, and through our connections we're able to open doors for marine conservationists and amplify their message."

At least in one area, the results of all these efforts are already emerging. "There has been a marked change in people's attitude towards overfishing", says George Duffield, the renowned underwater photographer. "Overfishing is the world's largest solvable problem, and solving it doesn't have a downside. It's not like global warming, where ordinary people feel they can't do anything to solve it." Duffield co-produced "The End Of The Line," the 2009 documentary that put overfishing on the public's radar. "Supermarkets have completely changed the way they source the fish," adds Duffield, co-founder of the Blue Marine Foundation. "Now many do so sustainably, and restaurants are following. Healthy fish stocks are key to healthy oceans.

Last year, fishers caught a record 154 million tons of fish, according to Worldwatch Institute. But only 64 tons of fish were taken from the oceans; the rest came from aquaculture (farmed fish). In 1989, the high-mark of ocean fishing, 90 million tons of fish were taken from oceans. "But the oceans are still being emptied very quickly," explains Oliver Knowles, an ocean expert at Greenpeace. "Every year, fishing vessels get faster and more effective. 90% of larger predatory species like halibut have already been fished out."

Carbon emissions and pollution, the other two main threats to the world's oceans, remain trickier to fix. Rivers transport factories' toxic waste to oceans, where vast quantities of plastic debris also end up after being thrown from ships or on shores. "Plastic needs a technological answer", says Duffield. "Scientists have to find a way to make plastic biodegradable, and not just for the sake of the oceans."

Carbon emissions, of course, remain the subject of complex international negotiations on climate change. Notes Knowles: "We're only beginning to realize how serious the impact of climate change on the oceans is."

The scientific consensus today is that marine reservations present oceans' best opportunity to recover. "Australia just announced a marine protective area", notes Brisson. "That's very good news, and but we need to accelerate the work if we want to save the oceans."

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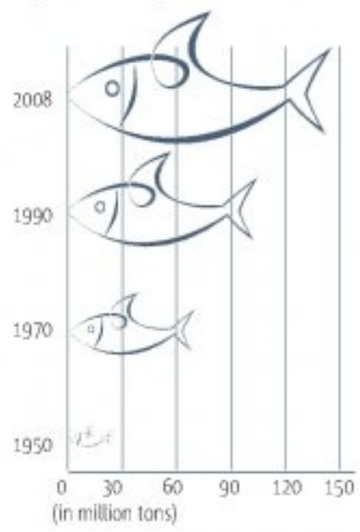
FISHY FACTS

World capture fisheries and aquaculture production



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SEVERELY THREATENED SPECIES

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Harder, Better, Faster, Branson

Sir Richard Branson is committed to good health, reinvention — and is always the first to laugh at himself

1 Fitness. Virgin Active

Get thee to the gym! Sir Richard's no stranger to jazzercise. You gotta admit, the man looks good in a sweatband. CONTRIBUTED

2 Swimming. Triathalons

Sir Richard competes in the 2011 Virgin Active London Triathlon at ExCel Centre, London last year in London. BEN PRUCHNIE/GETTY IMAGES

3 Drag. The man loves a good dress

Virgin Brides may have been short-lived, but it didn't stop Sir Richard from donning a gown for the special occasion.

4 Kite surfing. World record holder

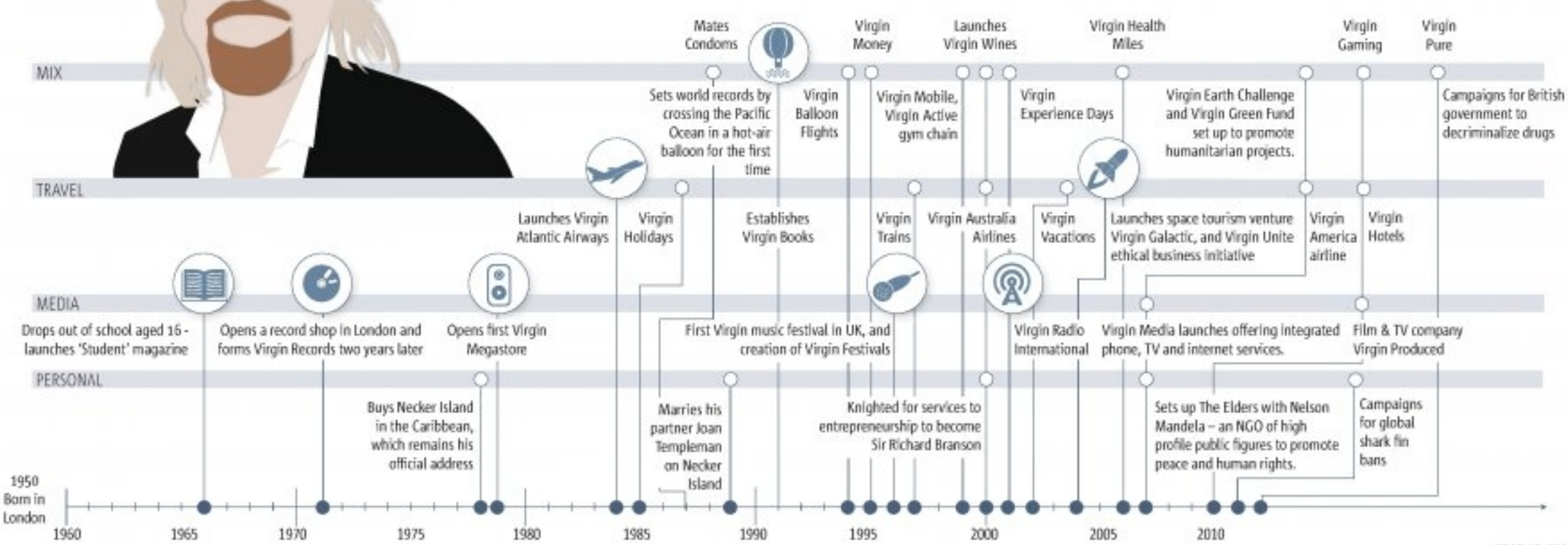
Sir Richard became the oldest person to kite-surf the English Channel in July. The crossing in 3 hour and 45 minutes set a new Guinness World Record. CONTRIBUTED

5 Climbing. French ascent

Sir Richard climbed Western Europe's highest peak, Mont Blanc, this summer to launch a new charity. CONTRIBUTED

SIR RICHARD'S VIRGIN EMPIRE

He has set world records crossing oceans in hot air balloons, is friends with Nelson Mandela and has a knighthood. In between all that, Richard Branson has founded and manages the Virgin Group, which has created more than 400 branded companies in 30 countries. Here's a look at his highlights.



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BEING SIR
THE MANY FACES

"Like a virgin, kissed for the very first time." OK, it's a Madonna hit – but Sir Richard Branson kissed by success. Today, Sir Richard's group, which runs some 400 companies in has over 50,000 employees and annual revenues of around $21 billion. An iconoclast and

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1 Disarmament: Let's get rid of that old junk and save money

Twenty years ago, the United States and Russia had thousands of nuclear weapons each. The arsenal was called MAD, Mutually Assured Destruction, for obvious reasons. Today the world's nuclear powers still have hundreds of nuclear warheads, costing $1 billion per decade.

Sir Richard Branson and some 300 world leaders formed Global Zero, an organization that advocates eliminating all nuclear weapons.

"From a deterrent point of view, a country only needs 300 nuclear weapons," Sir Richard told Metro earlier this year. "Getting rid of nuclear weapons would save a lot of money and would solve many of the world's current deficit problems."

Global Zero now also has 400,000 members worldwide. "Global Zero will always have a partner in me and my administration," President Barack Obama said. Its student chapter proved a success, with students at over 100 universities in 10 countries signing up to campaign for the end of nuclear weapons.

He says:

"Getting rid of nuclear weapons would save a lot of money and would solve many of the world's current deficit problems."
Sir Richard Branson

2 The Elders: They've got the time — to work for peace

They're old — and cool. When Nelson Mandela retired as president of South Africa, he wanted to use his stature to help solve conflicts around the world. He turned to Sir Richard, who agreed to co-found, and fund, The Elders. The Elders are older statesmen whose reputation allow them to crisscross the world and help solve disputes. Mandela has since been joined by, among others, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Graca Machel (Mandela's wife) and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

The Elders fill a unique need in international politics, as there's no institution to which parties in conflict can turn. The U.N. appoints envoys, but their missions are official and subject to pressures from U.N. member states. The Elders go in a private capacity. And after missions to the Koreas, Middle East, Sri Lanka, Cyprus and Sri Lanka, The Elders have gained the top players' attention: Lakhdar Brahimi, one of The Elders, has just been appointed U.N. envoy to Syria.

3 Space exploration: The sky is no longer the limit

New Mexico hosts a novel installation: a spaceport. Starting next year, space tourists willing to pay $200,000 will be able to blast off fon a Virgin Galactic spacecraft. They'll spend 2.5 hours in space and five minutes of weightlessness.

But, insists Sir Richard, his Virgin Galactic flights are not frivolous. Scientists will use the flights to carry out research on the ozone layer; NASA will rent space.

According to Sir Richard, a person on a Virgin Galactic spaceflight will contribute less to global warming than an economy-class passenger on a London-New York flight.

He says:

"I know there are literally thousands of people who would love to go to space, to be able to look out the window, to marvel at the beautiful Earth."
Sir Richard Branson
for AFP news agency

RICHARD OF 'SCREWING IT'

is the person the whole world associates with the word Virgin, and he's been amply areas from mobile telephony and travel to music and health services, adventurer, he is also deeply involved in non-business activities. Meet the other Sir Richard.

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5 Legalizing drugs: Follow Portugal's example

In Mexico between January and September last year, nearly 13,000 were killed in drug-related violence. Since the country's government launched its war on drugs six years ago, nearly 48,000 people have been killed. Over 50,000 troops and policemen are involved in the war against drugs.

Each year, $13 billion of drugs is smuggled from South America to the U.S.

Combating drugs, argue Sir Richard and others, is a waste of time and money.

Earlier this year, he testified to the UK Parliament about the benefits of decriminalizing drug use.

Together with global leaders like Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa and Ernesto Zedillo, former President of Mexico, Sir Richard has formed the Global Commission on Drug Policy, which supports softer drug legislation.

Even Mexico's outgoing President, Felipe Calderon, who made the drug war a centerpiece of his administration, has said he's willing to discuss legalizing drugs.

6 Humanitarianism: Business must take care of the people

Sir Richard surfs for fun, but he's also developed a knack for performing publicity stunts for good causes.

The boundaries between work and purpose are merging into one, he writes in his new book, "Screw Business As Usual."

Sir Richard names his concept "Capitalism 24902." (The name refers to the circumference of the globe.) "Every single business person has responsibility for taking care of the people and the planet that make up our global village," he writes.

Curing disease may be the most daunting task facing the business person who wants to save the planet.

In Britain, Branson thought up the Virgin Health Bank, where parents can store their children's stem cells.

"These cells could be used to treat a wide range of other conditions, from heart disease to diabetes, in the future," he says. Branson has also teamed up with President Jacob Zuma to establish a center for disease control in South Africa.

6 Music: The king maker

Sir Richard started selling records. Virgin's first release was "Tubular Bells" by Mike Oldfield (1973), a chart-topper that led to deals with the Sex Pistols, Culture Club and many more. After selling Virgin Records to EMI in 1992 for $1 billion, could he be wanting to get back in the game?

He says

"The music industry can make people rich beyond their dreams in a matter of months. "

Sir Richard Branson
"Losing My Virginity. The Autobiography"

7 Environment: Deal with problems in an entrepreneurial spirit

Celebrities travel to Necker Island, Sir Richard's island in the Virgin Islands. But he has smaller friends there — ring-tailed lemurs, an endangered species he imported to his island in an attempt to save the animals.

"We have to deal with environmental problems in an entrepreneurial spirit", he said. "For example, Virgin's new aviation fuel uses waste from steel mills. Millions of jobs could be created worldwide by greening our cities. The environment would benefit, the cities would benefit, regular people would benefit."

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PUMA CHAIRMAN JOCHEN ZEITZ

Puma's Jochen Zeitz may well be the corporate world's most energetic green trailblazer. As CEO of Puma – a post he took over at age 30 – Zeitz pioneered the concept of environmental impact as a crucial factor in business operations. Zeitz, now the brand's chairman, serves as chief sustainability officer at PPR, Puma's parent company. Focusing on environmental impact isn't just good ethics, it's good business, he tells Metro.

"SUSTAINABILITY IS A CHANCE FOR COMPANIES TO INNOVATE"

Helping the environment is a worthy thing, but does it make business sense?
When you think long-term as a business, sustainability is something that's not just a responsibility, but also something that will reduce the risks we have. If you incorporate some risks that environmental degradation can have on your supply chain, and ultimately on your product delivery, the environment is something you have to consider. It's also an opportunity for businesses, not just as potential profit but also as a chance to innovate; it's an opportunity for businesses to catch changing consumer attitudes.

The man on the street knows monetary profit and loss, but how does environmental profit and loss work?
Let's look at EP&L [environmental profit and loss sheet] at Puma. We've taken our carbon and water footprint, our pollution and land use, and put a monetary value on them. Through their value we can say, "If nature were charging us for those services and the impact Puma has through the supply chain, it would be 146 million euros per year." That gives us a number to work with, allowing us to say, "Ok, we know where our environmental impact is. Which new technologies and products can we use to get rid of this footprint?"

Your job is to make sure Puma's EP&L is a plus, not a minus for business. How do you do that?
Today it's negative, as it is for most businesses. If you look at solar companies, making solar panels consumes energy, too, though their net impact will be positive because they use the panels to create renewable energy. But if you use a traditional system of soil to produce cotton, you realize the need for new materials to reduce your footprint and bring renewable energy into your supply chain. When you offset your footprint, you get something positive in return.

Puma is a consumer product company. Isn't consumption the problem?
We need to look at how we consume. Consumption doesn't have to be negative, but we have to change its patterns and the way we produce our products — how they're designed and made. If businesses don't do anything, 10 years from now the resources will be very scarce.

How green is Puma right now?
We don't produce raw materials and don't have our own factories, but as a responsible company you have to look at the whole supply chain. Our own footprint out of the 146 million euros is only eight million, so only a small percentage of Puma's footprint is generated by us, and we're a big company with 10,000 staff. That's a surprise in terms of EP&L: the biggest impact happens the farthest away from our influence.

What specifically needs to be done?
We have to look at a replacement for fossil fuels that's sustainably harvested or produced so that the environmental impact is significantly reduced. That's something that will happen over time, not overnight.

He says:

"We need to look at how we consume. Consumption doesn't have to be negative, but we have to change its patterns and the way we produce our products."

When did the environment become so important for you?
I've always been concerned about Mother Nature but as a business leader I gained awareness about the many ways businesses can move things in a positive direction. I realized that it was MY responsibility, not a responsibility that I could leave to governments. As a powerful brand you can change things in a way that goes beyond your business.

You're a globetrotting businessman. How do you minimize your personal footprint?
Sadly, travel is still a key part of my business life, as well as my private one. But I try to reduce my impact with my own EP&L: my farm in Kenya, where my foundation works on conservancy towards the region's environment, and its culture and agriculture. It's what I call the four Cs: Conservation, Community, Culture and Commerce.

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The low-down on EP&L

- **News.** Puma made headlines last year after the sportswear brand became the first company in the world to put an economic value on the impacts greenhouse gas emissions and resource consumption has on its supply chain.

- **EP&L.** Puma revealed the results of its first environmental profit and loss (EP&L) account last November: cost from emissions, pollution and waste through Puma's operations is valued at €146 million per year.
- **Eco Impact.** Only €8 million of this derived from Puma's main operations, with the remainder (over 90%) from its supply chain. The biggest eco impact came from raw material production, it was revealed.
- **Social issues.** Puma's goal with EP&L is also to tackle social issues in sustainability, such as fairer wages and safety.

Entrepreneurs who say: Screw it, let's just do it

Case study. Screw fashion as usual: The new label Maiyet

Fashion. Saving lives. The two tend to be polar opposites. But upscale label Maiyet hopes you fall in love with their designs first — and then continue to purchase them because of their mission to help local artisans sustain their own businesses.

"What we don't do is produce pity products," co-founder Paul van Zyl explains to Metro. "We design products that people will wear regardless of the cause."

Maiyet (maiyet.com) scouts rare and unique artisanal items from around the world — like hand-woven cloth from Varanasi, India and hand-carved bone from Kenya — to use in their products. Then they use part of their profits to fund training programs to educate craftsmen on how to make better quality products, and how to use their business to provide a stable source of income for their communities.

They also front the money to produce the goods so artisans don't have to be stuck in high-interest loans. All of that is on top of making sure that people get paid fair wages.

They say:

"What we don't do is produce pity products. We design products that people will wear regardless of the cause."

Maiyet co-founder Paul van Zyl

Van Zyl's background doesn't exactly scream Carrie Bradshaw: He is the former executive secretary of South Africa's post-apartheid Truth and Reconciliation Commission and he never really worked in the fashion industry.

What drew him to the project was the idea that people don't have to choose between doing well in business and doing good for the world. Van Zyl says the economic crisis has made people realize that there must be a better way to run their companies, and he believes strongly that there is a way for moral markets to exist.

"We believe in is trade and aid not trade versus aid," he explained. "We want these companies to be small and sustainable and to make beautiful products." **MWN**

Look good while supporting artists // MAIYET

8 steps to change for good

1 Define your core purpose – create a clear rallying call that inspires your team to use your core business as a force for good.

2 Change what you value, measure and report — move away from short term profit to a long term people, planet and profit focus.

3 Map your assets — identify everything you've got, from people to products to communications channel and beyond that can be used for good.

4 Mobilize your community — get your staff, customers, suppliers and wider community involved in delivering your core purpose for good.

5 Leverage your products and supply chains — transform products to not only be profit-making centers, but also tools for change in the world. Reinvent your supply chain to do the same.

6 Invest in the ecosystem and collaborate — work with your competitors to turn the industry upside down and create places for "good" business to thrive.

7 Use your voice to change policy and build awareness.

8 Expand your horizons — extend your business to new offerings and markets where you can make a difference. Reinvent your investment and philanthropic strategies to support business as a force for good. **JEAN OELWANG, CEO, VIRGIN UNITE**

More: www.virginunite.com

Case study. Screw school as usual: The Khan Academy

With 186 million views — more than Justin Bieber — the latest viral YouTube smash features ... school lessons about math, computer science and the Greek debt crisis? Yup, thanks to Salman Khan.

In 2004, Khan was a hedge fund manager tutoring his long-distance cousins with web videos. "They told me they preferred me on YouTube than in person," is Khan's catchphrase, a self-deprecating remark that's the key to his charm. The idea snowballed.

Eight years later, Khan Academy (khanacademy.com) offers a combination of tutorial videos and an online classroom for the community to talk through their questions. The courses, which range from algebra to art history, are offered 24 hours a day to anyone — student, teachers and parents.

Reinventing school does not come cheap. "Obviously it costs millions of dollars — about the budget of a medium-sized high school," Khan says to Metro World News.

Salman Khan // KHAN ACADEMY

Now, when donations and volunteers keep the business going, Khan Academy keep scosts low for the consumer and provide something better than a monetary return — a social return.

"The decision to (be a non-profit) is really the view that we want to be more than a software company," says Khan. "We want to be an institution. ... People always have conversations on what's going on with the world, and it always gets back to education. It is the root issue behind every single society or resource problem." **MWN**

Case study. Screw soccer as usual: The homeless World Cup

Mel Young was in a Cape Town bar with a colleague, Harald Schmied, discussing ways to bring attention to the homeless and their plight. But there must have been a football game on the TV. They chose the sport as their conduit.

"Soccer is the 'universal language' that brings people together, wherever they are," says Young. "It is cheap and easy to organize and great fun for everyone — of all ages and abilities. It is also a team game, and is good for health and fitness. Soccer can have a huge impact on people, but all sports have the power to change people's lives."

Today, Young's and Schmied's Homeless World Cup (homelessworldcup.org) has 73 national partners who organize programs to help a variety of people, including the homeless, people who are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction and those with HIV/AIDS. All participate in the annual Homeless World Cup tournament, which will take place in Mexico City Oct. 6 through 14 this year.

Scotland, winners of the 2011 Homeless World Cup // ESME DEACON

For Young, what keeps him going is a pragmatic attitude that actions speak louder than words. **MWN**

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today on The Feed, we're checking in with Metro's current (@richardbranson) and past (@ladygaga, @KarlLagerfeld) global guest editors! Hint: Two are into fashion, one is into tea.

@richardbranson
At @metronewyork editing the global edition of Metro. Now, when shall I shout 'stop the press!'? #metrobranson

@richardbranson
What's the editor got to do to get a good cup of tea around here?! #bransonmetro

@ladygaga
I feel like I'm staring at my album on the floor in hundreds of trimmings, to be sewn into a couture gown. In beautiful pieces, she is.

@karllagerfield
"I think tatoos are horrible. It's like living in a Pucci dress full-time."- KL

Sir Richard Branson

Schwarzenegger can't terminate his bragging

Arnold Schwarzenegger's new memoir, "Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story" is 640 pages of straight-up boasting by the former bodybuilder-turned-movie star-turned-governor-turned-women groper. Oh, his ego. It truly is unbelievable! The Word compiled the best brags from the book:

When he first started dating Maria:
"The outside world looked at our relationship in a simpleminded way, as a juicy success story. 'Isn't it amazing that he wins Mr. Olympia and all these bodybuilding championships and then he gets this big movie contract and then gets a Kennedy as his girlfriend?'"

When he first met his future mother-in-law, Eunice Kennedy:
"The first words I blurted out were, 'Your daughter has a great ass.' I always loved to say outrageous things to people."

On his rehearsal dinner:
"The toasts on Maria's side were about her and how great she is and how I'd benefit from being her husband. From my side it was the opposite: what a great guy and perfect human being I am, and how she'd benefit from that."

SIR RICHARD SAYS
"We have a rule: Try not to use the 'I' word, which is always a good rule anytime you write anything about yourself. ... Anyway, I've got nothing to brag about. I haven't got the muscles of him, so I think I'm safe on that one."

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▶ "You sculpt your body the way an artist chisels stone," writes Schwarzenegger about bodybuilding, in his usual demure way.

On justifying cheating on Maria before they were hitched:
"The fling with Brigitte Nielsen underlined what I already knew: I wanted Maria to be my wife."

His take on acting:
"Compared to being an action hero, it was a lot easier to be a comic star."

Amazing Arnold quotes taken out of context:
▶ "Doing battle with a giant mechanical snake left me sore for a week."
▶ "Jewish people have played such keys roles in my life."
▶ "There was something comical about seeing two black people accusing each other of being black. We laughed about it later."

Talking points

The royal family: More nakedness!

The British royal family's latest headache is far from over, despite their victory in court against a French magazine that published topless photos of **Kate Middleton**. There are apparently more photos — and possibly even a video — from their French vacation, and the latest also reportedly feature **Prince William** himself. The Telegraph's **Willard Foxton** says he has been told that "there are as many as 270 pictures being hawked around, which feature both the duchess and Prince William naked. Only 24 have appeared thus far. The palace's nightmare is that the pictures are stills from a video."

▶ More bare royal hindparts!

Bynes is obsessed with Lohan

While **Amanda Bynes** should be focused on her legal woes and driving difficulties, she apparently only has one thing on her mind: fellow Hollywood troublemaker **Lindsay Lohan**. "She obsessively hates Lindsay," a source tells Us Weekly. "She rambles about 'that bitch Lindsay' all the time." While Lohan previously tweeted her disbelief at how much Bynes gets away with, a rep for the "Mean Girls" star insists "there is no feud" between the two.

▶ Bynes in NYC last month

Rihanna still drawn to Brown

It looks like **Rihanna** just can't keep away from **Chris Brown** — even if he is supposedly dating model **Karrueche Tran**. The infamous exes were spotted at NYC nightclub Griffin this week "hugging and kissing," a source tells Celebuzz. "And they went to the back of the club alone together." Brown was spotted early the next morning sneaking out of the hotel where Rihanna is staying. This did not go over well with Tran, apparently. "She felt the kiss was a public slap in the face," a source tells Us Weekly.

Swift, Kennedy go antiquing

Taylor Swift, 22, and her 18-year-old boyfriend, **Conor Kennedy**, were spotted on a fairly subdued date in Deerfield, Mass., recently, grabbing an early dinner before checking out some area antique stores. The couple seemed "very nice and a little bit shy," according to an employee at the shop.

Pregnant ladies who recently rocked the red carpet

1 Malin Akerman, who just announced her pregnancy, attended the premiere of Magnolia Pictures' "Nobody Walks" on Tuesday in Hollywood.

2 "Malibu Country" actress **Sara Rue** attended the ABC fall preview party at The Paley Center for Media on Sept. 11 in Beverly Hills.

3 Amber Rose, who is expecting a baby with fiance Wiz Khalifa, flaunted her belly at the 2012 MTV Video Awards at The Staples Center on Sept. 6 in Los Angeles.

4 Claire Danes, along with her baby-to-be, won an Emmy for lead actress in a drama series on Sept. 23.

5 Matthew McConaughey and his wife, model **Camila Alves**, showed up at the seventh annual Andy Roddick Foundation Gala at W Hotel Austin on Sept. 21 in Austin, Texas. They are expecting their third child.

6 Holly Madison, who is expecting a baby with boyfriend Pasquale Rotella, popped up at the launch of "Just Dance 4" on Tuesday in Hollywood.

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Local comedians are way Above Average

When a former Patriots player recently sat for the cover photo of his tell-all memoir, the footage from this odd portrait session quickly racked up more than 22,000 hits on YouTube.

Maybe it was the odd title of the autobiography, "Locker Room Shenanigans: You Don't Want To Know." Or maybe it was the pure comedy that drew viewers to this episode of "Portrait STUdio," a new YouTube series found on Above Average Network's channel, which is run by "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels' Broadway Video. The channel's series also feature shorts with stars from "SNL," "30 Rock" and other comedy powerhouses, some of whom "STUdio" creators Richie Moriarty and Matt Catanzano hope to collaborate with on a second season.

Moriarty and Catanzano met while acting at Boston comedy theater Improv Asylum, and ever since then the two created a number of videos. "STUdio" features a photographer and his assistant, and all of the amusing things that happen at a shoot. Guest stars include the band O.A.R. (long time friends with Moriarty) and former Pats running back Sammy Morris (who plays the aforementioned memoir author).

"Sammy is the closest I've ever come to having an NFL player who's a good friend that I chat with on text message," says Catanzano.

"And he was super interested in being a part of it," adds Moriarty, who is a professional photographer by day.

Catanzano says the pair used a simple formula to brainstorm: "This is real, so what are the funnier versions of that and how can we make them exaggerated?" ESTHER PACHECO

▶ From left, Moriarty, Morris, actor Evan Kaufman and Catanzano work in the STU-STU "STUdio." The final episode of season one goes live today at www.youtube.com/aboveaverage.

Top movies

Five movies to check out

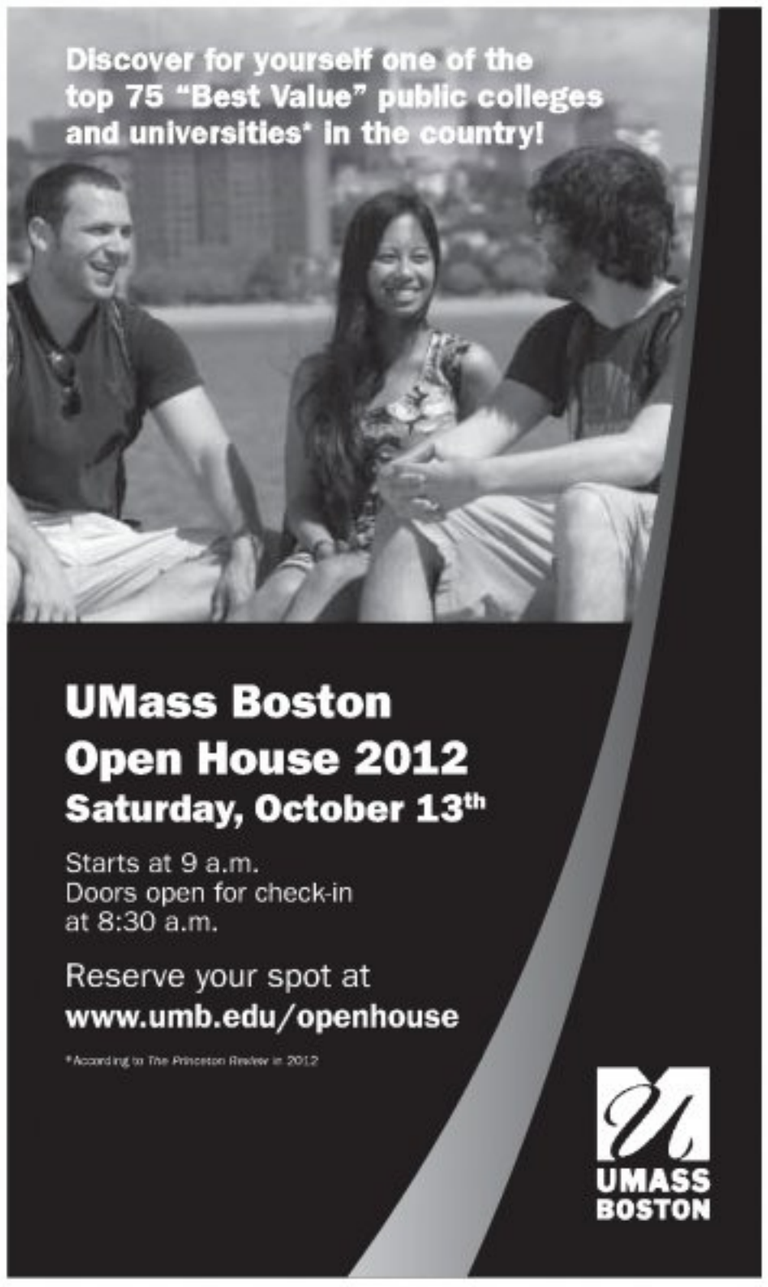
1 **'Taken 2'** Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace and Famke Janssen return for a second installment in this Luc Besson franchise about an ex-CIA operative who comes out of retirement to save his abducted child and ex-wife.

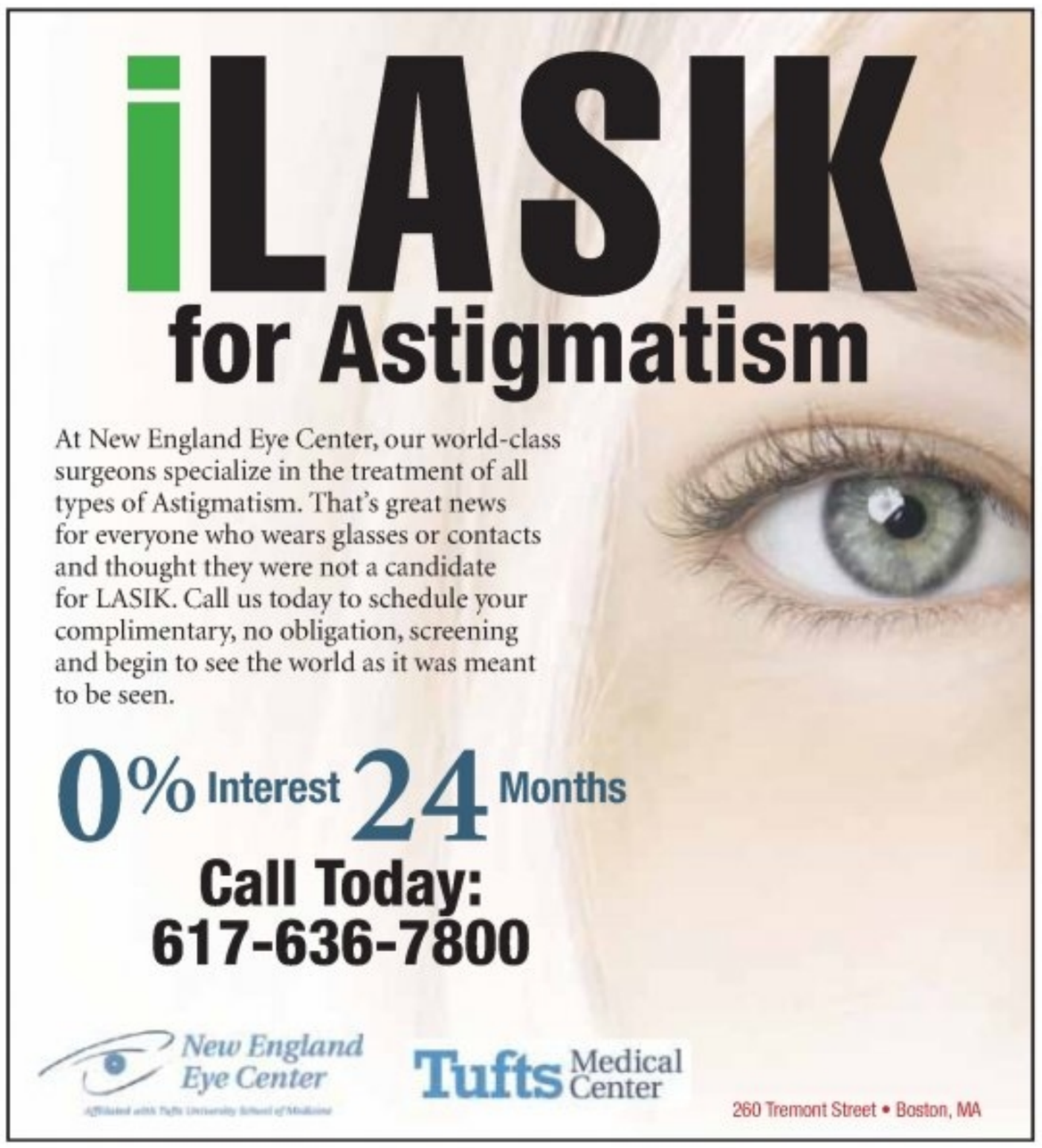
2 **'Frankenweenie'** Tim Burton returns to his lovely, creepy world of animation. Winona Ryder, Martin Short and Catherine O'Hara lend their voices to this heartwarming tale about a boy who hopes to bring his dog back to life.

3 **'Looper'** Not since "Back to the Future Part II" have we witnessed such a brain-teasing time-travel tale. Starring Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Emily Blunt, this thriller follows an assassin who finds that he is meant to kill his older self. Only Doc Brown could explain what this does to the space-time continuum.

4 **'Hotel Transylvania'** Even spooky monsters need a vacation. While their destination of choice may be the eponymous lodge, the creepy-crawly community is threatened by humans who wish to stay at the resort as well. Adam Sandler and his usual crowd — Kevin James, David Spade, etc. — helm this animated picture.

5 **'Won't Back Down'** This story is about a powerful school bureaucracy and the parents and teachers (Viola Davis, Maggie Gyllenhaal) who wish to change it. METRO





Paris Fashion Week reviews

Chanel

Karl Lagerfeld looked to the heavens for inspiration this season. But instead of going with celestial bodies, he turned to the soothing effects of a summer breeze and the power of the sun.

To that end, Lagerfeld placed 13 pristine white wind turbines, usually found scattered across empty farmlands, along the length of a catwalk designed to mimic the look of solar panels.

And like a cool breeze, the designer created a collection that was relatively minimal. Yes, there were large pearl embellishments and graphic, grid-like tweeds that echoed the look of the solar panels, but the story of this show was more about shape. The designer's experimentation with proportions particularly favored the style of a cropped, cape-like top over fitted dresses that looked like they were "too long" skirts hiked up to below the bosom. The alternatives were forgiving mini A-line dresses that looked like they would let the body breathe on a hot summer day. One strapless version in denim with pearls dotting the top looked particularly fresh and playful.

But for once, the always-inventive runway design hindered more than helped the collection. The size of a football field, it overwhelmed the designs, dwarfing them, so that their sunny disposition couldn't reach the audience that was ready and waiting to bask in their warm glow.

Louis Vuitton

This season, instead of taking the fashion crowd on a trip to some far-flung location, Marc Jacobs' sartorial voyage was more of a state of mind — and a graphic, fantastic one at that.

The concept of the clothing was pretty straightforward: Take the brand's monogram and expand or shrink the pattern to your heart's content. Blow up the design extra large like color blocks on a top, or shrink it down to a pixel pattern on a long and lean skirt suit that helps to accentuate the geometric aspect of the style.

SIR RICHARD SAYS

"I think I need my wife [to comment on Paris Fashion Week]. ... Victoria's Secret — now if we're going to talk about them ..." [Laughs]

The way the clothing was presented also enhanced the effect of the print. Models descended down escalators in pairs and walked in lock step together across the catwalk. This buddy system showed how versatile the simple grid pattern could be and it also revealed how its changing scale and textural interpretations could transform the style from something severe to sweet.

Breaking away from the grid theme, Jacobs inserted a floral print into the collection. But even then it came either formed out of a micro version of the print or was overlaid on outfits that were cut in a single color. For example, an embellished, all-white ensemble came down the runway next to one in yellow with the same print, thus creating, with the models walking so closely together, a checker pattern.

But you can't talk about this collection without referencing the Marc Jacobs' show that took place in New York last month. That show was all about lines and stripes, while this one was squares and checks — two sides of the same graphic coin, which bookended this Spring/Summer '13 season in a truly unique and powerful style.

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When is it OK to be friends with an ex?

SIR RICHARD SAYS

"I personally think that if you've had a relationship with somebody, you should be best friends for life. I mean, some of my best friends going back for years were people I've had a relationship with, and so we're good friends. We've actually, over a drink or two at nighttime, we'll think, 'There must be a better way than marriage!" And we've decided on the 'friends for life' contract, which ... is a bit like wealthy people do, with pre-nups. You have friends for life, If you decide after 10 years you need to split up, you have children, you just, you know, work it all out in advance so you don't have to have nasty lawyers coming in and screwing up the relationships and you can remain friends for life."

Shrink Wrap

DR. JANE GREER

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Justin Timberlake and Cameron Diaz have been famously complimentary toward each other in the press despite having dated and broken up. Rumors have even circulated that the two have spent some time together recently. While Timberlake remains devoted to his fiancee Jessica Biel, the two seem to have remained friends. Often when people end a relationship they say, "Let's be friends." It makes sense. You've been the most important people in each other's lives for a long time, maybe even years. It's hard to make that clean break — it can feel like a gaping hole in your life. So you decide to continue to be a part of each other's life. But staying connected isn't always easy or the best choice. So when, if ever, is it OK to be friends with your ex?

Couples rarely break up on equal footing. Instead, one person might be eager to get away while the other wishes to continue to be together. That's where it gets tricky. If you are on the side of hoping for more with that person, you run the risk of putting yourself in a position where you remain attached, and don't allow yourself the possibility of meeting someone new who might be better able to fulfill your needs. If staying connected was a problem while you were dating, imagine how hard it will be to get their attention now. You may just be setting yourself up for frustration and disappointment which, ultimately, might make you feel more empty and sad. If you remain focused on your ex, it could hold you back from finding your future.

Diaz and Timberlake: An exception to the rule

The rule of thumb, generally, is this: It probably isn't such a good idea to try to be friends unless neither one of you holds any hope to be with the other romantically. And calling after years of not talking? Maybe there are still good feelings remaining, and enough time has gone by that they can really be friends.

— Relationship expert ***Dr. Jane Greer*** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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Absolutes won't win war of words

RE: "ONLY GOOD REPUBLICANS NEED APPLY" (METRO, OCT. 2) Some advice for news columnist Michael Frosch from Ben Franklin: If you want to bring someone around to your way of thinking, never make an absolute statement. If you do, people close their minds to you. If you put a qualifier in the statement, people will listen. You state, "[There is] no evidence of voter fraud in any of these states, a fact ... " Are you kidding? A few weeks ago, a Democratic congressional candidate was forced to withdraw after voting in both Maryland and Florida. Sen. Al Franken defeated Republican incumbent Sen. Norm Coleman by a mere 312 votes. Later, it was revealed more than 1,000 felons illegally voted. Canvassers working for ACORN in Pennsylvania filed fraudulent voter registration forms to qualify for pay bonuses from the organization. A federal judge unseated state Sen. Bill Stinson (D-Philadelphia) in 1994 after it was discovered widespread voter fraud helped Stinson steal an election from Republican Bruce Marks.
DEL CONNER, VIA E-MAIL

You need an ID for everything else ...

RE: "REJECTION FOR VOTER ID AGAIN, THIS TIME IN PA." (METRO, OCT. 3) One final argument for voter ID. You need an ID to work (federal form I-9). You need an ID to apply for public assistance. So if you don't have an ID to vote it means you don't have ID to work or receive public assistance. If you are working and or receiving public assistance and don't have ID to vote somehow, maybe that means along with illegally voting you're also illegally working and illegally collecting public assistance, too.
RICHARD RIZZA, VIA E-MAIL

Occupy likes to be loud and confused

RE: "PLANS ONLY WORK IF PEOPLE MAKE THEM" (METRO, OCT. 2) On first reading, Kirk Hazlett's letter contains several grains of truth regarding the disorganized approach of the Occupy Movement. More simply, the 1 percent is the superrich, whereas the 99 percent represents everyone else — a cacophonous group sharing many issues. Why would anyone want to streamline and homogenize their ultimate message like a loaf of white bread when the anger against rampant greed already exists loud and clear? Perhaps Mr. Hazlett may wish to revisit his initial premise about the movement's communication.
JAMES D. YOUNG, VIA E-MAIL

Polls aren't just works of fiction

RE: "DON'T LET THE POLL NUMBERS LEAD YOU AROUND BY THE NOSE" (METRO, OCT. 2) You can reasonably argue over the accuracy of any given poll, but to dismiss the polling consensus as fiction is plainly ignorant. Presidential polls have a terrific predictive value, particularly when polls from different firms are taken in aggregate. Polling Guru Nate Silver was able to predict the winner in 49 out of 50 states using this method in 2008, and he currently gives Obama an 85 percent chance of winning.
CHARLES JONSSON, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Ideas or plans about which you feel hopeful should not be tested on any cynical friend. There's very little chance he or she will see or understand the strength of your concept.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Even if a proposed commercial transaction is with a friend, it must be handled in a businesslike fashion. It's more important that you leave no margin for misunderstanding.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Weigh and evaluate all of your alternatives, but don't overanalyze things to the point of being indecisive and end up paralyzed.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Any clever ideas you get early in the day might never be completed, due to an inclination to cater to too many diverse interests. Try to finish what you start.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Usually, you have a pretty good eye when shopping, but you might make an error today. Don't conclude that the cheaper the price, the better the bargain.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Household disagreements that you're usually able to cope with might be unusually difficult to handle. If you don't lose your temper, you'll be OK.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you've been asked to pass on an important message to someone in particular, be very sure that the recipient understands what you are trying to convey. Accuracy is of paramount importance.

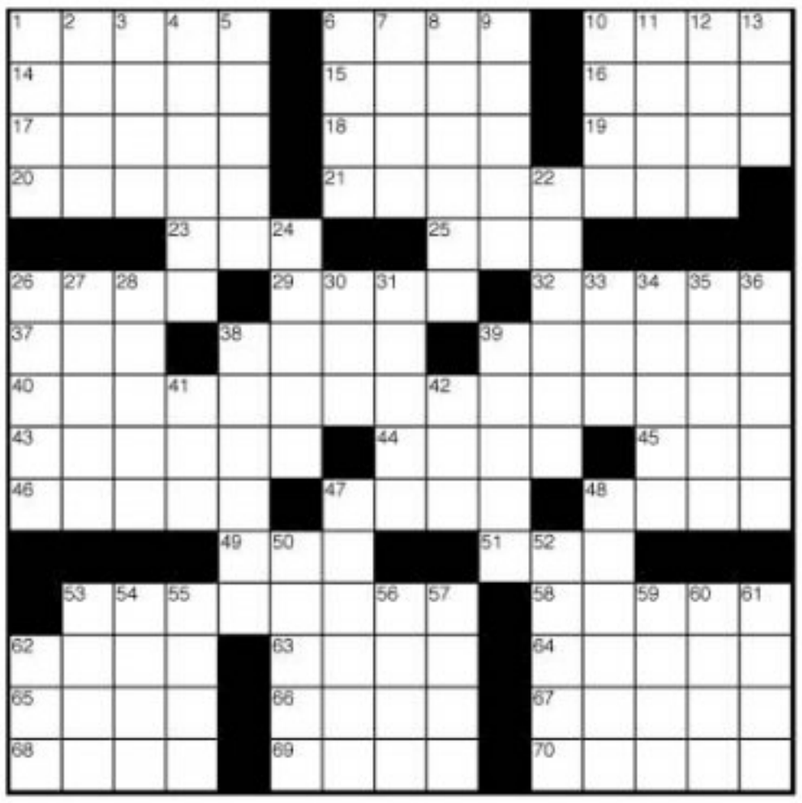
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't be stingy with your friends — but don't be foolishly extravagant, either. Your wallet will thank you if you play things straight down the middle.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** There is a chance you might involve yourself in a development in which the odds are stacked against you, if you assess the situation inaccurately going in. Make sure of your thinking.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You might be aware of its value immediately when an unusual opportunity unexpectedly presents itself; knowing what to do with it will be another story.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Be careful not to impulsively invest too much money in an endeavor or product that momentarily captures your fancy. What interests you now could be merely a passing fancy.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is little doubt that you can break out in front of the pack in a challenging situation — but once you do, you can't slack off. The opposition will only get stiffer. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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▶ Smiles and tasty food are plentiful at M3.

If we're lucky, some roads lead to home cooking. For the summer-opened M3, Tennessee native Jason Owens stripped back to his basics: Southern home cooking. He dropped heavy hints of his roots at his former ventures, Newton's Biltmore and Southie's Local 149. But they didn't have catfish like M3 has catfish.

Located in Davis Square, this small room and open kitchen are separated by an aluminum counter with stools. Sandwiching M3's nostalgic diner chic is repurposed barn wood flooring and a beautiful blue, pressed tin ceiling.

M3's down-home cooking ideals of meat and three vegetables — hence the name, or did you get that already? — is a theme, not a dictate. Choose a "standard," say chicken and waffles, progressively made with kinder, unclipped wings. Or choose your flesh-tender chicken fried steak, flattened into succulence and crisp coated. Or that cornmeal coated fried catfish. No bells and whistles with this one, just fresh, pan-fried fish. And three sides! This includes everything from fingerling and root veg hash to a crisp apple and jicama slaw.

Pickles play a big part in brightening carb-heavy Southern cuisine. There's all manner of pickled veggie garnishes, and pickles can be ordered by themselves for a low-calorie nibble. A pickled jalapeno spices up a bowl of giant shrimp and creamy grits made with tangy Welsh Caerphilly cheese, which doesn't swamp the cornmeal with fat like cheddar. M3's fried green tomatoes are pickled and flavored with hints of cloves. Fried okra? Pickled, too.

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A taste of the South

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Frederic Yarm decides to 'Drink & Tell'

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While he became something of an accidental cocktail book author, Frederic Yarm's research for his new book, "Drink & Tell," has been going on for almost six years. The Somerville resident began recording the drinks he had been making at home in 2006 and soon thereafter started the now well-followed Cocktail Virgin blog (http://cocktailvirgin.blogspot.com), detailing his every tipple at bars throughout the city. The book, he says, "represents the last five or six years of the Boston cocktail scene's development."

Compiling more than 500 recipes from some 40 bars throughout the city, the book is a great tool for the home bartender looking to branch out. But there's also a mostly comprehensive breakdown of the must-try bars mapped out by neighborhood.

▶ Visit www.metro.us to read about Yarm's favorite drinks.

"Many of these bars are organized in clusters and make for good bar-crawling, or as backup plans if one is unexpectedly packed or closed for the night," he says. "With the map, it becomes apparent that jumping from one cluster to the next sometimes is not that far or time-consuming, either."

Yarm, a biologist by trade, says "working in the lab has taught me how to document recipes and be comfortable handling liquids," so the crossover to the boozy science field was easy. There's no substitute for learning from the best, however, whose expertise he's compiled here. That's one of the surprises he learned about the city's bartenders, he says: "how willing they were to teach technique, explain what they were doing and talk about spirits. ... The collegial, sharing atmosphere helps to make Boston a great cocktail town."

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Morrissey sounds off on everything, including his upcoming autobiography, the royal family, the very finite length of his career, this week's Smiths reunion rumors and how he would like to be remembered

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH 'THIS CHARMING MAN'

▶ Morrissey plays the Citi Wang Performing Arts Center on Friday.

When the opportunity arises to interview a celebrity via e-mail, we often balk at the invitation — there's really no way of knowing that the person who is answering is the person to whom you're actually posing the questions. But occasionally we'll make exceptions for an entertainer we feel is worthy. And so it was that the British singer Morrissey became part of Metro's elite and mismatched club of e-interviewees that includes Snoop Dogg and Carly Rae Jepsen when his answers arrived in our inbox earlier this week. Moz seemed eager to discuss his forthcoming autobiography, which publisher Penguin Books is hailing as "a classic in the making." At least he seemed more eager to talk about that than this week's Smiths reunion rumors.

In writing your memoir, was there a period in your life that felt better to revisit than others?
The terror is equally balanced throughout all periods. It's a bit like locking yourself away in a dark room and hoping to God something useful develops.

You've always been known for penning such quotable verse. Can you share either the book's first or last sentence?
Under no circumstances.

Speaking of great lines, is there a line from one of your songs for which you hope you will be best remembered?
When you've recorded songs such as "Life is a Pigsty" and "The World is Full of Crashing Bores," it can't be denied that you at least have something to say.

Did you always know that you would have such a long career?
I had no idea that I would have a career. In fact, it's not a career at all — it's simply one great mudslide.

When you let your feelings be known about the royal family during the Olympics, was it something you were annoyed at the media for running with or did you wish your criticism had more legs?
I don't view it as criticism but as intelligent observation. The so-called royals are a dictatorship and they control all aspects of British print and television media.

You've said you won't perform past 55. Is this still your cutoff?
I doubt I'll make it to 55. The British "royals" will turn the tanks on me way before then.

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How soon is NEVER?

In writing this book, do you address the beginning of your career in a way that fans might finally stop asking when the Smiths will reunite?

If people continue to ask that question now — which they do — then they shall never stop, and they shall never stop because they don't understand the history of the band. Asking about a Smiths reformation is no different to driving into fog.

—[Editor's note: In the time since we received Morrissey's answers, a website reported that the Smiths would be reuniting for a British music festival next year. We reached out to the singer and asked for clarification. His response: The Smiths are NEVER getting back together — ever!]

SIR RICHARD SAYS

▶ "[When he says the Smiths are never getting back together], that most likely means they are going to get back together. The amount of times that bands have said they're never, ever, ever going to get back together, sort of just increases the take when they do get back together."

▶ "Well, I don't think that that's actually true," says Branson about Morrissey's allegation that the royal family control all aspects of British media. "We used to have a band called the Sex Pistols, and they put out an album on the 25th anniversary of the Queen called 'God Save the Queen,' and certainly criticized the royals. Actually, the BBC did stop it from going to No. 1, that's true, so maybe there is some truth in that. But I think that, you know, there are certainly places like Hello! Magazine that are certainly sycophantic, so they can have more spreads from the royals. But I think in other places they get criticized."

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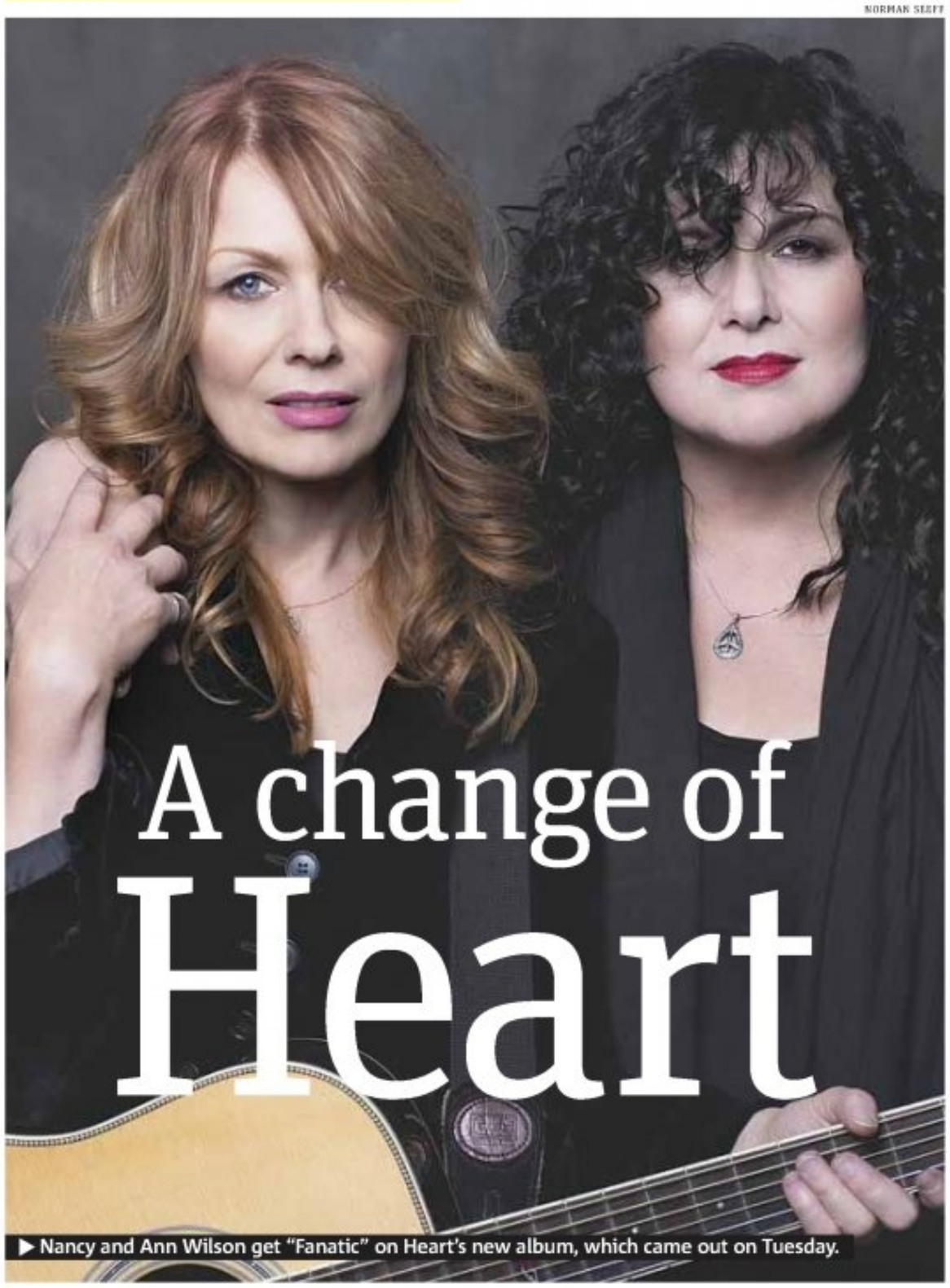

A change of Heart

▶ Nancy and Ann Wilson get "Fanatic" on Heart's new album, which came out on Tuesday.

▶ Seattle sisters get introspective on their new album ▶ 'This one really took all of me,' says Ann Wilson

Ann Wilson is struggling for words to describe the emotional pull she felt while making Heart's brand new "Fanatic." Even after 14 studio albums, the singer wasn't phoning it in.

"Ahh," she sighs. "This one really took all of me. I felt like I'd been struck by lightning by the time it was finished."

The passion is palpable from the get-go as the forceful title track barrels out on sister Nancy's fierce guitar riffs and Wilson's banshee wail makes what's either a band statement or social commentary: "Don't try and tell me the world is changing/Heart's getting stupid," she sings.

"It's definitely us contemplating," she says. "We're suggesting that we use some of our higher powers to love and solve some of our problems. We're a very sick society, so that could be a very healing thing. It's an old idea, right, but it's a very great idea."

Wilson is talking deep stuff.

"Committed stuff, sure," she says. "We've got opinions. It's not just a bunch of slow dances."

The album, however, does slow for "Walkin' Good," a lovely duet between Nancy and Canadian singer Sarah McLachlan, whom the Seattle rockers met playing McLachlan's femme-fronted music festival, Lilith Fair, last year.

"We met so many great women," says Wilson, before adding that she doesn't delineate music by gender.

"Is it Best Male Guitarist and Best Female Guitarist? Or is it Best Guitarist," she proposes. "That's the list I'd like to see."

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Going to the superprom

This year saw Heart issue a massive anthology, "Strange Euphoria," and a biography, "Kicking and Dreaming: A Story of Heart, Soul and Rock and Roll." Plus, just two days before Metro spoke with Wilson, Heart got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

▶ "It was such a Hollywood event," Wilson giggles. "When you don't come from Hollywood, boy, is it ever a dose of Hollywood. And such an honor, of course. We got all dressed up and had makeup and hair done. It was like going to superprom."

Neil Halstead: British Americana

From his days in the spaced-out shoegazer band Slowdive, to his more grounded acoustic-folk rebirth with Mojave 3, Neil Halstead's music has changed dramatically over his 23-year career. But whether cosmic or country, there always has been an underlying somber, soothing and dream-like quality that links his songs together. While they were once hidden by distance and distortion, his heartstrings now ring out as if strung across his acoustic guitar.

Halstead says after Slowdive, he needed to take a break.

"I felt like I wasn't into music anymore at that point," he says. "I needed to be re-energized. Learning to play acoustic guitar and playing country songs was a way back into music for me because it was so different from what Slowdive was about."

After five records with Mojave 3 and occasional tours, Halstead took the band's breaks to focus on solo work. Even more stripped down, his country-folk style and imagery could easily be considered Americana, except for the fact that he's British. Halstead's calm and hushed delivery evokes a sentimental reverie, sincerity and melancholy.

"Palindrome Hunches," his third solo effort, was released last month on Brushfire Records, a label run by fellow surfer Jack Johnson. Halstead's music bears little similarity to the rest of the roster. Surely the label's saddest and most introspective of the surfer/songwriters; perhaps it is the cold ocean waters of his Cornwall home that gives Halstead's music such a stark realism.

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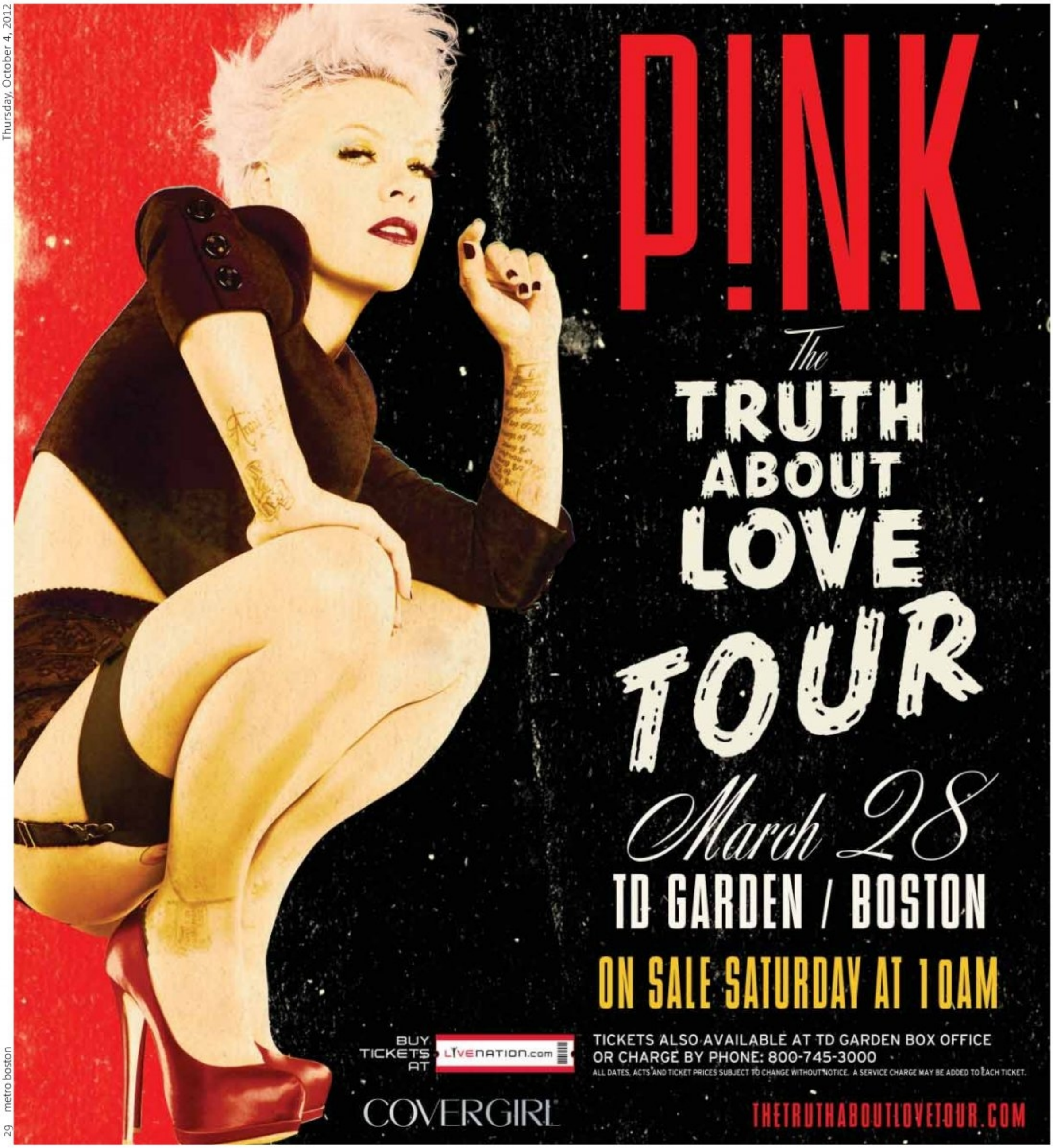
▶ Neil Halstead plays Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lizard Lounge (1667 Mass. Ave., Cambridge). For more info, visit www.lizardlounge.com.

"For me, songwriting is always about expressing yourself," Halstead notes. "So that's me in the song. There are songs [on the new album] that are a little darker than the songs on the last album. They all sit together in a darker space. I think that's just the way the songwriting went. They are quite personal." ● **NOLAN GAWRON**

'Breaking the Ice,' not with Slowdive

Mojave 3 haven't recorded since 2006, but after a rare and recent tour of China, Halstead hopes the band will begin recording a new album by the end of the year. And, though there have been murmurs of a Slowdive reunion and offers have been made, Halstead doesn't seem stoked on the idea.

▶ "[Reunions are] a big part of the music industry these days. They are feeding off their own paws. The people with the money will never let it go free because it's another way to sell you the same old sh—."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▶ Brady

Brady not surprised by Manning

When Peyton Manning had neck surgery last season, there was a thought that one the game's best rivalries would come to an end.

Tom Brady is one who isn't surprised at Manning's determination to return to the NFL. He too returned after a season-ending injury, and has since stated his desire to play for a long time.

"It's a great sport. I love coming to work every day," Brady said. "I love the challenge that the weeks bring, the mental challenge, the physical challenge. I love the training. I love being around my teammates. There's just not much out there other than my family. It's like the abyss, you know?" ● JIMMY TOSCANO

In the news

What a flop

David Stern and the NBA instituted a rule yesterday that will fine players for "flopping." The NBA will rule on questionable flops after games. Six or more flops could lead to a suspension.

Bobby V's tenure an unmitigated disaster

- Losing 90 games in this market has and always will be unacceptable
- Sox went through entire season as laughingstock
- No second chance

Opinion

If there is such a thing as a "Bobby V. guy," I'm it. Do I believe he was placed in a no-win situation? Yes. Did he have his legs cut out from under him by players and management in April with the whole Kevin Youkilis fiasco? Yes. Was he dealt a roster that was entirely injury-prone and not as talented as previously thought? Yes. Was he largely misunderstood in his first (and likely final) year as Red Sox manager? Most definitely.

But baseball, more than any other sport, is about numbers and bottom lines. And losing 90-plus games in one season with a roster that featured several former All-Stars is more than enough reason for Red Sox management to give Bobby V. the axe today.

Any way you slice it, the Boston Red Sox in the current MLB structure are not supposed to lose 90-plus games. The Red Sox are one of the few teams in professional sports that should always be immune to such failure. At the start of the season, Boston's payroll was $173,186,617, good for third in the majors. By comparison, the Baltimore Orioles (who are in the postseason today) had a payroll of $81,428,999 when the season began in April.

Through all the turmoil, all the passive-aggressive postgame comments, all the post-chicken and beer b.s., Bobby Valentine could and should have done better than 90-plus losses. He could and should have been able to communicate better with his players and staff.

The record here speaks for itself and it's the lone reason as to why Valentine should be fired by the Red Sox today. There should be no hesitation on the part of management. They've had months to weigh their options. The path back to success for the Boston Red Sox does not involve Bobby Valentine.

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▶ Bobby Valentine hands out Red Sox shirts on fan appreciation night at Fenway Park last week.

Ugly ending?

Valentine already began defending himself yesterday.

Valentine replied, "Yes" when asked by WEEI if members of his coaching staff undermined him in 2012.

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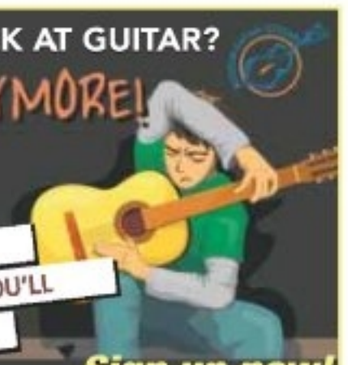

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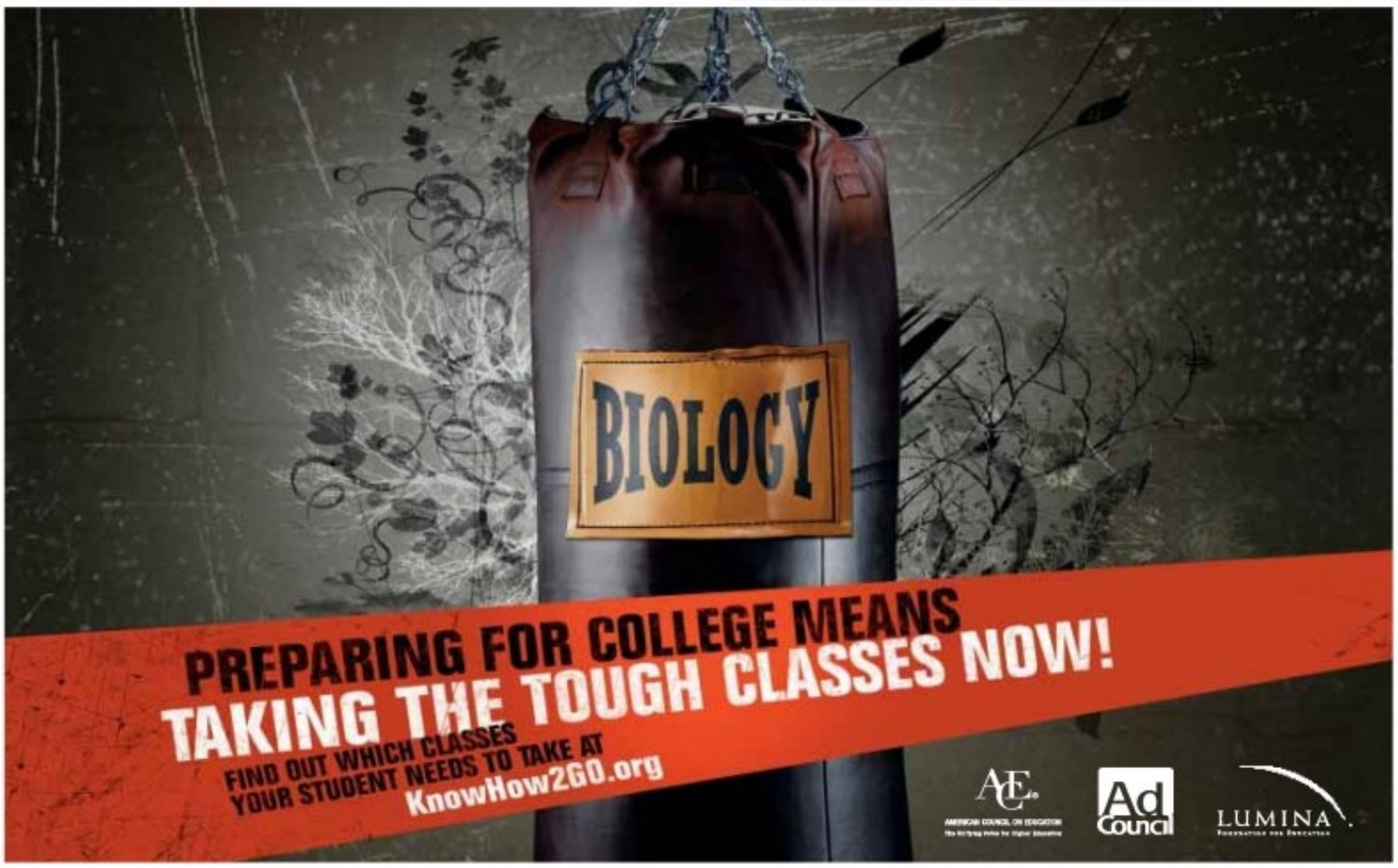

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